### Italy's Grim Warning: Expect More Violence In Wake of Bombings

The government warned Italians on The bombings coincide with Italy's biggest Vednesday to brace for more violence after political scandal since World War II, in which Wednesday to brace for more violence after car bombers, in a deadly "hammer blow to art and religion" devastated two historic churches

in Rome and an art museum in Milan.

at least seven were injured. In Rome at least 24 people were taken to the hospital.

Because the country is in a difficult phase,
said Interior Minister Nicola Mancino, offi-

cials do not exclude the possibility of more bomb attacks.

Mr. Mancino hinted at foreign involvement in the attacks, which followed a bombing May 27 that severely damaged the Uffizi Gallery in Florence: Five people died, and more than 20 were hurt in that bombing.

"We are following several lines of inquiry, both here and abroad." Mr. Mancino told the

Senate. "It is not improbable that many interests have come together to imdermine the system comprehensively."

A former president, Francesco Cossign, also

raised the question of outside interests' seek-

ing Italy's destabilization, but neither he nor Mr. Mancino would elaborate.

live former prime ministers, a host of former and religion" devastated two historic churches cabinet members and about 2,700 lesser politi-n Rome and an art museum in Milan. cians, officials and businessmen have been five people died in Milan late Tuesday and accused, indicted or jailed in a massive corruption investigation.

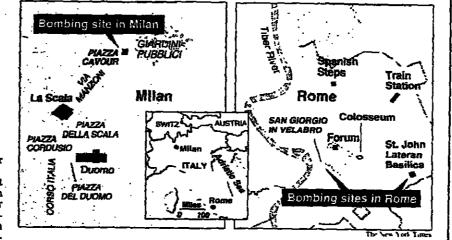
Some officials blamed the Mafia for the

"It's a political matioso warning," said the mayor of Milan, Marco Formentini. "I don't see how to read it otherwise."

In Rome, the hombs severely damaged the basilica of Saint John Lateran and a seventhcentury Romanesque church, San Giorgio in Velabro, close to the Forum.

The towering basilica of Saint John is the church of Pope John Paul II in his capacity as bishop of Rome, and some commentators speculated that the bombing was revenge for his recent attack on the Malia.

They've tried to deal a hammer blow to art and religion," said Virgilio Levi, a spokesman for the basilica. The pontiff, visiting the dam-



aged churches, condemned the attacks as atrocious and cowardly, and expressed his profound grief for the victims. It is not with contempt for God and man that one can build a human and civilized society," he said.

In Milan, the bombers left a device in a car parked outside the museum of modern art close to the cathedral and La Scala opera house. The blast — which killed three firemen. a policeman and a man sleeping in a nearby park — gouged a crater in the sidewalk and touched off a gas-main fire that shot flames high into the sky throughout the night. The explosion turned a wall of the museum into rubble, and scattered bits of the car.

As a new day dawned on the devastation, tens of thousands of people congregated along the avenues of Italy's financial capital in a

vulsion. Many carried hastily painted signs

reading "Democrazia" — democracy.

The demonstrators packed into a city square called Piazza Fontana, where in 1969 a bomb blast killed 14 people and touched off a 20-year series of murky attacks to destabilize the state. The Piazza Fontana bombing has

In Rome, following a peaceful assembly outside City Hall, about 400 demonstrators marched to the prime minister's office, where some scuffling occurred.

Many officials believe a new and sinister lliance of criminals and disgraced politicians are fighting to destabilize a society weakened

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Fire fighters in Milan on Wednesday examining the wreckage of a car near the site of an explosion that killed five persons and destroyed a portion of the museum of modern art.

### Japan's 'Not-LDP' Joins to End Ruling Party Reign

By T.R. Reid

TOKYO — Japan's fuzzy political picture clicked into sharper focus Wednesday as seven political parties agreed to form a coalition government excluding the Liberal Democratic Party, which has run the government for 38 years.

A realignment along these lines had seemed the most likely course since the historic election two weeks ago, in which the Liberal Democrats lost their controlling majority in the parliament for the first time since the party was founded in

1955. But that result was so stunning for Japan that the seven parties, known collectively as the "Not-LDP," had to carry on long negotiations

to reach agreement.

Even after its election setback, the Liberal Democratic Party is still the largest single party in Japan, and its leadership had been scrambling to find ways to create at least one more cabinet. These plans evidently died Wednesday when two centrist spin-offs of the party, the Japan New Party and the New Harbinger Party, agreed to side with the "Not-LDP" coali-

overnment was made public in one of those decorous rituals that seem essential in this polite society even at a time when the established

political order is in shreds. Morihiro Hosokawa, head of the Japan New Party, and Masayoshi Takemura, head of New Harbinger Party, paid a formal visit to the Liberal Democratic Party headquarters. The two were met with stately bows at the door, and they bowed deeply in return.

They were usbered to a formal meeting room, where uniformed "office ladies" served green

After days of rumors, the plan for the next tea in fine china bowls and sweet bean cakes

wrapped in bamboo leaves. that — as Mr. Hosokawa related the message later - "From now on, party relations will take the form of the seven-party coalition versus the LDP." To politicians, who can count the votes, this means that the Liberal Democratic Party will be shut out of the next cabinet.

Assuming that none of the coalition mem-

Only then did the two visitors drop the news

bers walks away in the meantime, the cabinet See JAPAN, Page 4

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## NATO Air Cover **Due Next Week for** UN's Bosnia Troops

### Timing Hinges On Controllers For Bomb Runs Deal in Geneva

By Rick Atkinson

BERLIN - The lack of experienced forward air controllers on the ground with United Nations troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina is a significant factor affecting the timing and target selec-tion of any attack by NATO warplanes. military officials in Europe said Wednesday,

Even if the UN requests retaliation by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for recent attacks on French forces in Bosnia, such strikes might have to be delayed for several days or reconfigured to compensate for the shortage of controllers, according to one senior NATO offi-

NATO plans envision using forward air controllers - or FACs as they are called in the military - to direct strikes against Serbian positions with laser designators that guide bombs to their targets.

Roughly 100 UN controllers have been train-

ing with NATO pilots in Germany and else-where since mid-June, but the UN has been slow to deploy them to Sarajevo and other areas in Bosnia.

Although some attack planes are capable of designating targets for themselves with their own lasers - a common practice in the Gulf War -- NATO commanders prefer groundbased designators in the mountainous Bosnian terrain. Moreover, radio communication between controllers and pilots must be precise in order to avoid civilian casualties or hitting UN

"You want somebody who really knows how to do this," one officer commented. "Especially in an area like Surajevo, you want to be real sure where you're putting those bombs."

Some of the controller teams are already in

Bosnia but not necessarily in areas where pilots need them. They also require additional training once they get in place.

The controllers must speak English to com-

municate with the pilots, as well as the language of the UN unit to which they are attached. The United States and several allies committed themselves during the spring to protect 9,000 UN forces trying to guard civilian havens in Sarajevo, Srebrenica, Zepa. Gorazde, Tuzla,

Approximately 70 American, French, British and Dutch aircraft began deploying to Italy in

mid-June as part of the agreement. Some of the aircraft, such as U.S. Air Force AC-130 Specier gunships, fire cannons or other conventional munitions. The pinpoint missions, however, are accomplished with laser-

guided bombs Pilots have been training at ranges around Italy and have been considered ready for combat since July 22, pending the positioning of the

"We're in a sort of a strange situation in that UN forces select the targets and decide where and when they want them hit, and then we provide the planes and bombs," the NATO

officer added In NATO's Brussels headquarters, as well as in the Allied Forces Southern Europe head-

quarters in Naples, there is considerable concern about errant bombing.

The French military said the most recent fire

against French troops may have been uninten-Several artillery shells landed near a detach-

ment of 40 soldiers setting up a base at Saraje-See STRIKES, Page 4

### Flights Aimed At Prompting

By Joseph Fitchett

NATO warplanes are expected to start pro-viding air cover for United Nations peacekeeping forces in Bosnia by Monday or Tuesday. Secretary-General Buttos Buttos Ghali said Wednesday in New York.

U.S. and European officials made it clear that such flights would also be aimed at encouraging the Muslim-led Bosman government to accept a peace settlement and at demonstrating international determination to enforce it.

"We're tip-toeing toward military action." a U.S. official said, "but nobody wants to send an encouraging signal to the Bosnians or a con-frontational one to the Serbs that might detail a

The three warring factions debate the creation of a confederation of ethnic republics. Page 4.

political deal in Geneva." He was referring to efforts to negotiate a settlement among warring Muslims, Serbs and Croats.

Reflecting these political hesitations, officials of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization said that any intervention required a formal request from the United Nations, "NATO's done its job," said an official at allied head-quarters. "Now it's up to the United Nations." But Mr. Butros Ghali said that some time was still needed to make final arrangements.

including an agreement on the rules of engage-ment and the deployment of more personnel to guide air attacks. Once UN headquarters approves an initial use of air power, fresh attacks can be requested

on the spot from NATO by the UN command in Sarajevo.

While this threat is taking shape. Western governments and the UN leadership appear

comfortable with a few days' delay, parily to allow more time for negotiations in Geneva to produce a peace plan.

Even under the pressure of Serbian shelling French peacekeepers in Sarajevo on two

casions in recent days. France and other allied governments are also anxious to fine-tune the system for coordinating NATO air power with UN ground forces. Mixed signals are blamed for costing lives in the UN intervention The Bosnian air-cover plan was approved in June by the Security Council, but its imp

tation requires approval by Mr. Butros Ghali after consultations with the United States. which is providing the air power, and France. which has the most troops on the ground, President Bill Clinton said Wednesday that

the United States would "seriously consider" sending its planes into action if it received a formal request from France. Although Mr. Clinton said that Washington

had not yet been asked to do that, this seemed a

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#### Clinton Urges **Israel and Foes** To Halt Attacks

WASHINGTON - As Israel pounded southern Lebanon with artillery and air attacks, President Bill Clinton called Wednesday for both the Hezhollah guerrillas and the Israelis to

halt the fighting.

Mr. Clinton also said Syria should become an "active participant" in efforts to end the violence.

"I think Hezbollah should stop its attacks. Israel should stop the hombardments." Mr. Clinton said. "Syria should go from showing reserving to

being an active participant to try to stop the fighting, and we ought to do whatever we can to stop the fighting."

On Tuesday, Mr. Clinton commended Syria

for showing restraint in the face of the military action. Asked Wednesday if he was hardening his stand toward Syria, Mr. Clinton responded: "No. I just believe they can do more. It is

now time for all the players to do more to bring an end to the fighting."

The president said he still believed all parties to the Middle East peace talks, which recessed

July 1 after a 10th round, were interested in seeing them make progress. At the United Nations, Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali accused Israel on Wednes-

day of pursuing a policy of driving civilians from their villages. "Given the evolution of the situation in Lebanon as well as the historic background of the Middle East conflict, it is deplorable that any

government would consciously adopt policies that would lead to the creation of new flows of refugees and displaced persons," Mr. Butros Ghali said in a statement. Authorities in Lebanon estimate that as

many as 200,000 people have fled the south.

The U.S. State Department said Wednesday that Israel was targeting civilians. "We are extremely concerned about the fighting and the potential for further escalation." said a spokesman, Michael McCurry, as Israel's military action moved through a fourth day.

The U.S. official said Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, who plans to go to the Middle East next week, had made his views

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### Germans Poised to Lower Discount Rate

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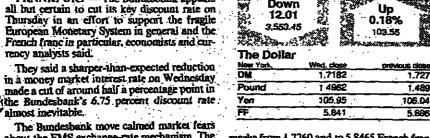
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Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches

FRANKFURT — The Bundesbank appears all but certain to cut its key discount rate on Thursday in an effort to support the fragile European Monetary System in general and the French franc in particular, economists and currency analysis said. They said a sharper-than-expected reduction

made a cut of around half a percentage point in the Bundesbank's 6.75 percent discount rate : almost inevitable. The Bundesbank move calmed market fears about the EMS exchange-rate mechanism. The mark fell to 3.4063 French francs in London

from 3.4150 on Tuesday, pulling away from its ERM ceiling of 3.4305. The Bank of France reportedly bought francs to belp its currency. The dollar lost some of its allure as a safe.



marks from 1.7260 and to 5.8465 French francs

Last week, the Bundesbank gave written backing for the French currency in a statement issued by French and German financial authorities. That commitment is expected to be haven, even against the mark, because of the easing of tensions. It fell to 1.7185 Deutsche the last regular meeting of the central bank's

policy-making council before its summer break. It usually meets every second Thursday but will not convene again until Aug. 26. A rate cut at Thursday's meeting - sorely

needed to support weak currencies in the European Community's exchange-rate mechanism, particularly the French franc — would come although German inflation and money supply growth are well beyond Bundesbank targets. An easing now would thus bring into question the German central bank's resolve in fighting inflation; analysts noted. But reduced German rates would make

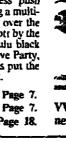
mark-denominated money-market investments less attractive and would help stem a flow of funds out of the French franc and other weak ERM currencies. "The Bundesbank will cut rates with a view

to stabilizing the exchange-rate mechanism." said Thomas Mayer, economist at Goldman See RATES, Page 10

Talks Boycotted In South Africa

> JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - Talks on South Africa's transition to democracy and the end of white rule resumed Wednesday without key black and white conservatives An end to 350 years of white domination could come next month if the government and the African National Congress push through their timetable for installing a multiracial transitional body with a veto over the existing white cabinet. But the boycott by the Inkatha Freedom Party, the KwaZulu black homeland and the white Conservative Party, which all seek virtual autonomy, has put the country's political future in doubt.





Book Review Bridge Crassword

The terrorists can attack economic targets, but they risk alienating their own people," Miss Moore said. "It's a

balance they have to strike." Enough people visit to bring Northern Ireland about \$250 trillion a year and create more than 10,000 jobs. Tourism is already one of Northern Ireland's top live industries, and

bombs. On May 18, the Irish Republican Army set off a car Troubles, but because of them. The tourist board drew

VW's chief, Ferdinand Piech, had some new names for General Motors. Page 9.

## Visit Cheap, Friendly, Troubled Ulster? A Tough Sell That Works

By Eugene Robinson

BELFAST — It's a tough sell: Come spend your vacation in lovely Northern Ireland.

Come to the home of the Irish Republican Army? Fo the home of Protestant paramilitary groups? To Belfast, where the biggest downtown hotel has most of its windows covered with plywood because of a terrorist bombing this spring? Where mobs noted for two nights this month, burning cars and looting shops? Unlikely as it may sound, the Northern Ireland Tourist

Board is having some success in bringing visitors to the scene

of one of the world's longest-running sectarian conflicts.

Most of the rest came on business or to visit friends and bomb that wrecked part of Belfast's opera house and turned

Persuading people to visit the battlefield of a low-intensity war is not an easy task. Northern Ireland is cheap, friendly and relatively accessible. The countryside is green and gentle. It could be tourist heaven - except for a few

nagging details.
"It looks like a very, very difficult job," the spokeswoman. for the tourist board, Anne Moore, said of its mandate. "Obviously image is our worst problem, because of the Troubles. We just have to accept that, be honest about it. We say, "Yes, there is a problem here."

Tourism officials warn visitors not to leave their cars Despite what are known as the Troubles, a record number . mattended in the downtown business districts of Belfast or of visitors came to Northern Ireland last year. And, in a total other cities, less they be stolen and converted into car

the Europa Hotel into an enterprise 20ne for glaziers. Earlier this month, the police found and defused another bomb in Belfast that could have damaged a wide area. Smaller cities have also been hit by car bombs this year. Neither side in the conflict has a policy of attacking

A small number of tourists even come not despite the

criticism for pointing this out in a recent report, but the lighting between Catholic republicans and Protestant loyalists is a bit of a magnet.

The tourist board pushes more traditional fare, such as Northern Ireland's golf courses, some of the best fishing in Europe and such attractions as the Giant's Causeway, a bizarre rock formation on the northern coast. The board encourages Irish-Americans to come trace their roots, and has just begun special nostalgia tours for U.S. veterans who were stationed here during World War II.

More than four-fifths of Northern Ireland's visitors come through Ireland, the southern part of the island. Ireland and Northern Ireland have begun to join forces.

marketing the two regions as a package and setting up joint booths at tourist fairs around the world,

of 1.25 million visitors, nearly 250,000 came on vacation.

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By Richard W. Stevenson

New York Times Service
CHRISTCHURCH, England — Waiting at a neighbor's home to meet the Liberal Democratic candidate for Parliament in this seaside town. Stanley Henrywood said that after 14 years of Conservative Party government he thought the country needed a change.

"I'm disgusted with the Tories," he said. "They've mismanaged things so badly that we need to send them a message they can't ignore. They need a real kick in the pants.

The bad news for Prime Minister John Major is that Mr. Henrywood, a 74-year-old retired salesman, has until now been as loyal a Conservative as they come, having voted Tory in every election since be was 21.

The worse news is that Mr. Henrywood, who said he had decided to vote for the Liberal Democrats in the election on Thursday to fill the area's empty seat

in Parliament, is far from alone among traditional Conservatives in his readiness to switch allegiance. Having held Christchurch's seat in the House of Commons since 1910, usually by wide margins, the Conservatives appear to be on the verge of losing it. perhaps in a landslide.

Coming less than a week after Mr. Major was forced to gamble his political future to overcome a rebel faction in his own party and ram through approval of the Treaty on European Union, a loss here would raise questions about his ability to stem the decline in his party's popularity and heal its deep

And although there have yet to be any open signs of a rebellion within the cabinet, a sizable defeat in this town, 90 miles (150 kilometers) southwest of London, would almost certainly open the door to discussions within the party about whether Mr. Major was the proper person to lead the Conservatives in the next general election. There is already speculation among Tory backbenchers in the House of Commons about possible successors, most notably the chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth Clarke.

A national Gallup Poll published by The Sunday Telegraph this week showed Labor with the support of 46 percent of voters, compared with 31 percent for the Conservatives and 20 percent for the Liberal Democrats.

Assuming they can maintain their majority in Parliament - it now stands at 18 in the Commons the Conservatives will not have to hold a general election until 1995. But Mr. Major's travails. brought into focus by the disaffection in Christchurch, have raised questions among voters about whether the Tories have simply run out of ideas and

credibility after holding power since 1979. The Liberal Democrats are the primary opposition party in southern England, where Labor, the largest opposition party in Parliament, has never had

much support. Polls published by newspapers last weekend showed the Liberal Democrat. Diana Maddock with a lead of as much as 2 to 1 over the Conservative candidate. Robert Hayward, in Christ-

The sense that the government has become ineffectual was only reinforced, Mrs. Maddock said, by Mr. Major's desperate maneuvers in Parliament last week to quell the revolt within his own party and ratify the treaty binding Britain to closer economic and political cooperation with the European Com-

Acknowledging that gains by opposition parties in midterm elections have not translated into big gains in general elections while the Tories have been in power, she said the success of the Liberal Democrats and Laborites in sweeping many Tories from power in local elections several months ago suggested that a fundamental political shift might be at hand.

The Russian Orthodox Church with more than 6,000 new churches

For the Orthodox and for many tion that Russia is a vast spiritual

Russians, the foreign proselytizers wasteland, despite the 1,000-year

are an irritant, and even a threat history of Orthodox Christianity.

With the support of the church, Though Patriarch Alexei II, the

parliament recently passed a law head of the church, insists he is requiring foreign religious organi-against limiting religious groups, he zations to register with a special and other hierarchs argue that government board, which has not there must be some control over

yet been formed. The law has been who is allowed to preach to Rus-

assailed by human-rights defenders sians. They insist that the outsiders

and Western missionaries as a remust contend with the Orthodox treat from the freedom of con-Church, which the hierarchs, and

science formally granted in 1991.

Some church officials concede bearer of Russian spiritual culture.

tive. ism. many newly baptized Rus-"The law is seen by the church as sians said they had tried the Rus-

an attempt to protect society from sian churches, but found them

extremes, from the spiritual chaos, forbidding, "People are wandering

that these foreign religious people around praying to icons, though

can bring," said Yelena Sperans-kaya, the Orthodox Church official en images," said an accountant

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At the Jehovah's Witness bap-

Adding to the draw, communism

For missionaries, this was prime

As for the Orthodox: "They co-

existed with atheism for such a long

Mrs. Speranskaya said: "If the Russian Orthodox Church worked

pseudo-religious rituals.

#### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Ukraine Cuts Missiles Aimed at U.S.

WASHINGTON (WP) — Breaking a deadlock over the late of former Soviet nuclear weapons on its soil, Ukraine has begun dismantling 10 of its missiles aimed at the United States, a semior U.S. defense official disclosed Tuesday.

In response, the United States has pledged to provide Ukraine with \$175 million in aid to speed the dismantlement, dropping an earlier condition that Ukraine first ratify the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. At a meeting with Secretary of Defense Les Aspin and other senior U.S. officials in the Pentagon on Tuesday, the Ukrainian defense minister, General Konstantin Morozov, confirmed U.S. intelligence reports on the dismantlement, said the official, who participated in the talks.

#### Shooting Disrupts Caucasian Truce

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Government troops and Abkhazian separatists accused each other of violating a cease-fire almost immediately after it was supposed to go into effect Wethesday. Abkharian officials said the Georgian Army shelled rebels near the village of Eshera just 35 minutes after the cease-fire began.

Georgian officials, meanwhile, said three Abkhazian rockets his Sukhumi, the besieged capital, once a resort area of beaches, flowering the case-fire was to be the first stage of a Russian-spousored plan to end the Georgian civil war, which has taken at least 2,000 lives in the last

#### Nigeria Factions Forced Into Accord

LAGOS (AP) — Nigeria's two political parties bowed to the military ruler Thursday and agreed to form an interim government that apparently excludes the businessman who won the presidential election in June. The Social Democrats, ordered by General Ibrahim Babangida to meet with the rival Republicans or face dissolution, agreed on a plan to form an interim government that would succeed General Babangida's regime. The Social Democratic candidate, Moshood K.O. Abiola, won the June 12 presidential election that was voided by General Bahangida. The parties also agreed that holding a new election between now and General Babangida's promised transfer of power on Aug. 27 was not feasible. It was not immediately clear who would lead the new government or when it

#### Iraq Balks on Monitoring Agreement

BAGHDAD (Reuters) — Iraq said on Wednesday that it had not reached final agreement with the United Nations on long-term arms monitoring.
Iraq said last week it was ready to comply with the UN Security

Council resolution on long-term weapons monitoring, but expected concessions in return. -UN inspectors this week installed three monitoring cameras, but they

will not be switched on until further talks have taken place.

#### North Korea Missile Test Confirmed

WASHINGTON (AP) - North Korea has tested an intermediaterange missile capable of hitting Japan, the director of central intelligence, R. James Woolsey, confirmed Wednesday. In testimony before a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee, he said the missile could carry nuclear,

chemical and biological payloads as well as conventional warheads, "With this missile North Korea could reach Japan, Iran could reach Israel and Libya could reach U.S. bases and allied capitals in the Mediterranean region," Mr. Woolsey said, Japanese Defense Agency officials reported earlier that the missile, named Rodong-1, was tested in

#### U.S. General Opposes Vietnam Curb

HANOI (AFP) - Lifting the U.S. economic embargo against Vietnam would help—not hurt—the process of accounting for U.S. servicemen missing from the war, the U.S. general in charge of the effort said

Major General Thomas Needham, head of the Joint Task Force-Full Accounting was responding to questions about the embargo from members of an American business delegation visiting Vietnam. "If the trade embargo is lifted, cooperation could only get better," he said. "The people who are holding back would stop holding back."

Conversely, a decision by President Bill Clinton to extend the embargo when it comes up for renewal Sept. 14 could canse the Vietnamese antibilities the "membershale fast".

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#### **Berliner Guilty of Cold War Spying**

BERLIN (AP) - A German who worked for the U.S. forces in Berlin was convicted of espionage Wednesday for giving agents from the Soviet bloc information about U.S. troop movements between 1980 and 1992. Hans-Friedrich Handschuch, 48, said his contacts from the KGB and East German intelligence said his reports would protect peace. He was given a one-year suspended sentence and ordered to pay a fine of 4,000 Dentsche marks (\$7.350). utsche marks (\$2,350).

Mr. Handschuch worked for the U.S. military mission in West Berlin and for the U.S. diplomatic office in the eastern sector after German

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

A million travelers are expected to jum Paris rail terminals this weekend as the country's traditional vacation period begins. Highways to the Riviera and the south will also be heavily congested on Aug. I. (AP) Hampton Court Palace, once home of King Henry VIII and renovated after a fire seven years ago, has again become a top attraction for tourists in Britain, drawing 600,000 visitors last year. (Reuters)

#### Paris, Citing Unreliability, To Withdraw 9 AIDS Tests

PARIS - The Ministry of Health has ordered the withdrawal from the market of nine AIDS-detection methods, saying that they are less reliable than others.

Officials said the ministry was concerned that the tests could give false-negative results in the period immediately after

infection by the human immunodeliciency virus, or HIV, which causes AIDS. All tests work by detecting not the virus itself but the anti-bodies that the human organism produces in response to

HIV invasion. This means that for a period of weeks, an infection can go undetected -a socalled false negative.

The officials said the methods taken off the market, most

made by French manufacturers, had only "mediocre" sensitivity during this critical period. Anne-Mane Courrouce, di- of the result.

high, however. She said that no single method was 100 percent effective.
AIDS-detection clinics mini mize the risk of talse-negative or false-positive results by test-

rector of research at the Nation-

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tive results was unlikely to be

said the number of false-nega

ing blood twice, using different methods.

The nine tests removed from

the market are among 31 methods used in France.

The Health Ministry ruled that six of the methods remaining on the market could not be used for testing blood donations but could continue to be used in conjunction with other methods. This is because donated blood is checked only once for the presence of HIV anti-bodies, and the testing method must therefore emphasize the reliability rather than the speed.

### Margaret, Duchess of Argyll, Dies at 80

ried the American amateur golfer

Charles Sweeny at the age of 20.

LONDON - Margaret. Duchess of Argyll, who was at the center of one of Britain's most sensational divorce cases, died here Monday

after a series of strokes, ber friends said. She was 80. The daughter of a textile million-aire. George Hay Whigham, she was feted in both Britain and the United States in her teens and mar-

photograph of the duchess with a naked and unidentified male torso

branded by the judge as "wholly immoral" and "completely promiscuous." The divorce case and a sub- chaef Thornton.

ed her capital.

The marriage ended in 1963 in a In 1971 she opened her home to scandalous divorce case in which a tourists in a bid to make money, but seven years later was forced to

taught chemist who invented cloud "seeding" and created the first arti-ficially induced snow and rainfall-died Sunday in Schenectady, New York. He drew worldwide attention with his 1946 experiments for

self her home and move into a London hotel, from which she was evicted in 1990 for noi paying her shows torm in a laboratory and inducing prespitation outdoors.

"She is the last great figure from that era—the golden age of British serving director of the U.S. Nation—society," said her biographer, Misserving, died Sanday in Williamstown, Massarinesetts. A STATE OF THE STA



MOSCOW - Leaders of the Russian parliament declared Wednesday they they had annulled a presidential decree dismissing the minister of security, Colonel General Viktor P. Barannikov, saying that only the legislature had au-thority to do that, the Itar-Tass

news agency said. The parliament's presidium said President Boris N. Yeltsin's dismissal of General Barannikov on

Tuesday had "no legal value." Under a constitutional amendment adopted in December, it said, only the legislature has the power to remove ministers of security, de-

fense and foreign affairs.

Mr. Yeltsin dismissed General Barannikov on charges that he had mishandled a crisis along the Tajik-Afghan border and also was guilty of corruption. In an earlier decision Wednes-

clared invalid as of this week should continue to be legal tender in Russia until their gradual withdrawal from circulation has been

day, the presidium decided that old

banknotes the Central Bank de-

the parliament had a legal right to revoke Mr. Yeltsin's decision to re-

move General Barannikov. Parliament, led by Mr. Yeltsin's archfoe, Ruslan I. Khasbulatov, is locked in a power struggle with the president and has seized every op-

portunity to snipe at him. As the legislators sought to cancel the Central Bank's decision to invalidate billions of old rubles, the bank chairman, Viktor V. Gerashchenko, insisted that only he had

the authority to reverse course. He said he would meet with legislative leaders to discuss the change, which the bank said had

been aimed at slowing inflation. Russians are being allowed to exchange only up to 100,000 old rubles (about \$100) for new notes. They must deposit any excess in savings accounts for a minimum of

Russians Report Battle

Russian and Tajik forces unleashed "a massive artillery and mortar strike" across the border into Afghanistan on Wednesday. Reuters reported from Moscow. (AFP, Remers, AP) foreigner, she missed the Monday deadline for changing her rubles to new currency and thus lacked money to buy a ticket back to Kiev.



A woman from Ukraine waiting Wednesday outside a Moscow train station for a solution to her problem. Because she was classified as a

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#### It was not immediately clear if Religion, in Multiple Forms, Makes a Comeback in Russia

By Serge Schmemann New York Times Service MOSCOW - The venues are

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ater, the Locomotive sports com-

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What irritates the establishment of the substance ward and cries out: "I speak to command you to go!" A Russian plex - but what goes on there cavernous October Theater on the interpreter deftly echoes Mr. Wil-

cox's gesture and rhythm, and the people stretch out their hands in ecstatic worship.
"I heard about this from a neighbor and came out, and I like it." aid a middle-aged woman. "I go to the Orthodox church as well, but everything there is so complicated. with the priests and icons. Here everything is from the Bible, everything is understandable, and these

pastors are so nice. We feel we're velcome here." Religion - condemned by Karl Marx as the opiate of the people and relentlessly battled by the Soviet state -- has come back to Russia with a vengeance, filling stadiums. theaters, and airwaves and sending the Russian Orthodox and established Protestant churches scurry-

ing to the state for protection. At the Locomotive Stadium. more than 20,000 Jehovah's Witnesses from around the world gather — Koreans in traditional dress, Americans handing out ball-point pens to puzzled Russian children. young Siberian men in new black suits. They stand and applaud for more than an hour as 2,000 neo-phytes in bathing suits take turns being baptized in three portable ing pools. In contrast to the usual behavior at Locomotive, nobody smokes, nobody curses, no-

body is drunk. On a Sunday morning, Jimmy Swaggart. Pat Robertson, and other evangelists preach from adjacent television channels, and a Japanese mystic occasionally buys air time; saliron-robed devotees of Hare Krishna weave down the Arbat mall, and disciples from the Reverend Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church quietly work the schools and insultates and recently organized a seminar in the Ministry

Finnish and American preachers from the Campus Crusade for

of the Interior.

dren of God, their roots among back pain! In the name of Jesus. 1 American hippies of the 1960s. open a chain of missionary communes under the name "Semva"

An estimated 1,000 foreign missionaries and 50 foreign organizations have come to Russia over the last three years, armed with free literature, dollars, fire and brim-

When Russia started to open, we wanted to get in as quickly as possible.

Peter Youngren, lounder of the Moscow Christian Center

stone. Nobody knows how many adherents they have — filling a stadium is no great feat among people still intrigued by anything from abroad, especially not with the bold advertising, free admission, free Bibles, rock bands, and the

is said to have lured people to in-doctrination sessions in the United States in the guise of conferences. tion Church in New York said that the church paid to send about 500 Russians to New York for a 40-day

purpose of the program. In Russia, the number of fulltime members is probably a small fraction of those who attend the various revival meetings. At the October Theater, Mr. Wilcox exhorted the attendance of several hundred to make a formal commitment: "If you only come for heal-

charged with monitoring foreign who had come from a distant missionary activity. "Instead of northern town, and stood with sevconsolidation, they bring division: eral friends. "It's impossible to unthey introduce cults that never ex-derstand the priests; you don't feel hint of foreign travel. Mr. Moon's Unification Church

A representative of the Unificaconference last summer. But he said indocurination was not the

ings and miracles and don't get involved in a local church, Christ can't protect you," he declared.

isted. But in practice. I don't know how this law can work." In any case, Mrs. Speranskaya acclimatized the people to a simple, said that the most dangerous new unified code of behavior and a sects were not imports, but two communal mentality, while at the secretive cults that are direct off- same time it never rooted out the shoots of the Orthodox Church. Russian deep-rooted superstitious-Parents have accused both sects of ness and penchant for mysticism. brainwashing children, and have The Communists tried to co-opt formed a lobbying organization to these instincts with their own set of get their children back.

The scariest cult is called the White Brotherhood. It was found-turl. "When Russia started to open. ed in Ukraine in 1990 by a 52-year-old scientist named Yuri Krivono-gov, who has proclaimed himself founder of the Moscow Christian and his wife, Mariya Tsvigun, 33. Center to be gods on Earth under the names Ioann Svami and Mariya existed with atheism for such a long Devi. Mr. Krivonogov preaches imminent cataclysm, and warns that down message," Mr. Youngren only those who repent and join the said. "You don't hear of too many

White Brotherhood can be saved. Russian Orthodox having been The other cult is known as the sent to jail for their beliefs." The other cult is known as the Bogorodechnyi (Mother of God) Center, in Moscow. Also opened in 1990, by a former secret monk as it should and rebuilt its mission, named Ioann Bereslavky, the cen-showed interest in new people and ter worships the Virgin Mary and searched for new forms and appreaches hatred for all women — proaches it wouldn't be having especially mothers - who do not these problems. But when your best repent and join the organization is crushed for 70 years, it's very

To be sure, the Russian Ortho- hard to restore it. That's why maydox Church has not fared badly be we feel that brother Christians against the competition. With an from abroad should be helping us, estimated 60 million believers, and not competing with us."

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## In Kansas City, Joy as Flood Crest Passes Harmlessly

By B. Drummond Ayres Jr.

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New York Times Service KANSAS CTTY, Missouri - The Missouri and Kansas rivers, rising in modely concert to the highest crests known, worked their worst on the levees and flood walls of this city and neighboring Kansas City.

Except for a few minor leaks, the protective berms and barriers held off the onslaught. At least for the

"We just might have won," said Larry Black, a water-flow specialist for the National Weather Service, looking over river readings that documented the

"We could still get another surge or two if it rains, and you never know when one of those soggy levees is going to give way," he added, "But at first reading, it looks like we just might have won." If so, the victory will go down as one of the few

nine Midwestern states with the great deluge of 1993.
Elsewhere, the flooding has been — and continues

to be — just about the worst ever experienced in this part of the country, causing at least 43 deaths, driving more than 50,000 people from their homes and damaging or destroying at least \$12 billion in crops, buildings and possessions. Other Missouri cities, like St. Louis, Jefferson City and Ste. Genevieve, still face major flooding threats.

And farms and villages in many parts of Kansas, lowa and Illinois are still under water. Still, Kansas City seems to have escaped for the moment and that was all that mattered to Charlie Sniera, owner of Sutera's Restaurant, as he looked out the door of his establishment Tuesday afternoon to-

ward one of the straining levees at the convergence of the Missouri and Kansas. The water was within inches of the top. But for

the first time in days, it was not getting any higher.

The police told us we'd better head for higher then begins to fall."

The police told us we'd better head for higher then begins to fall." ground." Mr. Sutera said. "But I think the worst is # House Votes Flood Aid over. I believe the worst is over. I'm a born optimist. I'll stick and trust that levee and use the rest of the day to get ready for tomorrow. Got some painting to do that I've been putting off. You get a break, you take

Disaster officials warned that while the two rivers that merge here appeared to have peaked, the river levels would not start dropping for at least another Officials added that passing summer thunderstorms

might cause a quick surge or two on either or both of the rivers over the next several days.

"When you're dealing with a river crest, you just take it one day at a time," said George Hanley, chief spokesman in Kansas City for the United States Army Corps of Engineers. "A big crest doesn't drain off in

**Gallows Humor Case** 

Smile on Death Order Stirs Furor

adding a happy face to his signature for years.

date he is to be put to death.

presiding at a capital murder trial."

By Sam Howe Verhovek

New York Times Service HOUSTON — Charles J. Hearn, a Texas state judge, has been

The happy face appears on his driver's license, on the checks be signs, on thousands of court documents.

Now it is on an execution order, informing a state prisoner of the

The judge insists he meant no disrespect when he sent the order this

month to Robert Nelson Drew, an inmate on death row, setting his execution for Oct. 14. The order concluded with the judge's customary

bold signature, complete with a scribbled happy face.

"It's just a signature like yours is or anyone else's is." the judge said Tuesday. "It's that simple. I'm a happy person. You've got to be a happy person. We've got too many people walking around this world not be many locks on their faces."

with grim looks on their faces.

But Mr. Drew's lawyer. William M. Kunstler, said he and his client

interpreted the smiling face as callous mockery and they were outraged by it. Mr. Kunstler said he planned to ask for a new trial.

"It's like he's saying. "Have a nice death." Mr. Kunstler said.

"Obviously, a man with this lack of sensitivity should not have been

The judge replied: "This is the way I sign everything, If I had put a

happy face on an order staying the execution, I am very sure Mr. Kunstler would have had no problem with that."

Mr. Drew was convicted for the 1983 stabbing death of a 17-year-

old Alabama man who the police said had picked him up while

Mr. Hearn, 62, said the happy face was meant to symbolize his

born-again Christian faith. He is known here for saying "God bless you" as he sentences people to prison, and on a few occasions he has held hands and prayed with convicts as they are sent away.

The House of Representatives narrowly approved a \$2.74 billion relief package for Midwest flood victims on Tuesday, resolving five days of mostly partisan wrangling in favor of Democrats, who insisted that emergency aid took priority over cutting the budget deficit. The New York Times reported from Washington.

The politics of flood relief had little to do with cresting flood waters, battered levees or submerged com fields. Not a single Republican or Democratic lawmaker argued against helping those who are suffer-ing, but members disagreed sharply over how and when to pay for federal relief efforts, which could reach \$10 billion.

The bill goes to the Senate, where Republican leaders have said they have no problem with it.

## \* POLITICAL NOTES \*

Clinton Knew His Aide Was Feeling Blue

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton telephoned Vincent W. Foster Jr. the night before he committed suicide in part because he had learned the deputy White House counsel was "having a rough time" at work, the White House said

The statement, confirmation of a report in Newsweek magazine. appeared somewhat at variance with a previous White House assertion that no one had known Mr. Foster was feeling troubled. But the White House press secretary. Dee Dee Myers, said the president had been aware only that it had been a difficult week for the office of the White House counsel, where Mr. Foster was the No. 2 official.

"There was absolutely no reason to think that Vince was despondent," Ms. Myers said. "Nobody believed that." She said later that the president had invited Mr. Foster and his wife, Lisa, to watch a movie with him but that Mr. Foster declined during the course of their 20-minute talk.

Ms. Myers sought to dispel any notion that Mr. Clinton had a sense of foreboding. "The president did not have any inkling that Vince was about to go kill himself," she said.

The disclosure of the July 19 telephone call from the president nevertheless added to a picture that suggested a number of Mr. Foster's friends had become concerned about him shortly before he was found dead last week of a gunshot to the head.

The counsel's office was subjected to criticism for not detecting problems in some of Mr. Clinton's nominations for top jobs. (WP)

#### Hard Choice: Stress on Health Care or Trade

WASHINGTON — Just as the Clinton administration was forced to drop health care reform to focus on the budget battle in Congress earlier this year, the White House soon may find itself making a similar choice between health care and the North American Free

The White House still hopes that both health care reform and the free trade pact can be squeezed through Congress by the end of the year, but some lawmakers are saving that would create such a political logiam in the fall session that both proposals would be jeopardized.

#### Quote/Unquote

President Clinton, announcing plans to make it tougher for immigrants to enter the United States: "This has nothing to do with our support for keeping the rambow and the melting pot of America support for keeping the raintow and the instance of this country, going and growing and enriching and strengthening this country.

(NYT)

#### Republican Wins in Arkansas Over a Former Clinton Aide

The Associated Press LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas - A

Baptist minister has narrowly defeated a former aide to President Bill Clinton in an election for lieutenant governor, making him the only Republican in Arkansas to hold a statewide office.

With 98 percent of the state's 2,064 precincts reporting, the Reverend Mike Huckabee had 145,363 votes, or 51 percent, to 140,587 for the former Clinton aide, Nate Coulter.

Arkansas has been without a lieutenant governor since Decem-ber, when Jim Guy Tucker became governor after Mr. Clinton was elected president

Mr. Huckabee, a 37-year-old Baptist minister from Texarkana, is former president of the 490,000member Arkansas Baptist State Convention,. He had campaigned against

what he called the state "political machine" controlled by Demo-Mr. Coulter had said there could

be "gridlock" at the statehouse if the governor and lieutenant governor were from different parties. Mr. Coulter, a 33-year-old law-yer from Little Rock, served as

counsel for Mr. Clinton, as lawyer for the state Democratic Party and as head of a commission that studied election reform.

### **A Few Democrats Hold Budget Key**

#### Some 'Yes' Votes Lean to 'No'

By David E. Rosenbaum

WASHINGTON - As negotiators tried to resolve differences in the House and Senate budget bills, Democratic senators and representatives who are not on the conference committee threatened Tuesday to break ranks and bring President Bill Clinton's deficit-reduction package crashing down like Samson's temple.
Senator David L. Boren, Demo-

crat of Oklahoma, who has been a thorn in President Clinton's side all year, delivered a speech in which he threatened to switch sides and vote

In the House, W. J. (Billy) Tau-zin has been telling his Democratic constituents in Louisiana that he could not vote for a gasoline tax, which is sure to be part of the final

Some of the threats could be positioning in the hope of getting more out of the conferees. But since the measure passed the House in May by only six votes, and was approved in the Senate only on the strength of Vice President Al Gore's tie-breaking vote, the presi-dent's supporters have no margin

All the Republicans in the House and Senate voted against the mea-sure the first time and are pledged to vote against the final version. "I'm not sure it will pass," said attribute it to his craving for press Senator Joseph L Lieberman of attention. But in this case, they Connecticut after a luncheon meet-

nig of Democratic senators. Louisiana, an important ally of the supports the budget package. A president's, said: "There are a lot fewer 'no' votes that are learning to 'no'."

And Sequency Jones are learning to supports the budget package. A lot of people are feeling the heat numbers, full-page ads, letters, you are learning to 'no." are learning to 'no.'

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After a meeting in the office of Senator George J. Mitchell of Maine, the Democratic leader, Democratic congressional leaders and Clinton strategists said they expected the deficit-reduction mea-

sure to be approved.

The prevailing view in the Capitol is still that the final version of the bill will indeed squeak through the House and Senate next week and go to the White House for the

president's signature.

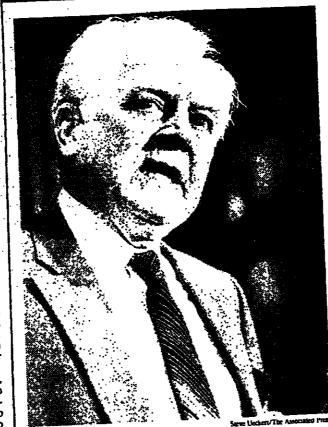
A staff assistant who is keeping close watch on how each senator plans to vote said he did not believe any of the six Democratic senators who voted against the bill the first time could be persuaded to switch. If he is right, Senator Boren holds a vote that might make or break the Clinton presidency. In his speech on the Senate floor,

Mr. Boren, who seems to have no support among his fellow Democrais, urged the administration to scrap what has been done up to now and start afresh in a bipartisan effort with Republicans. Mr. Boren favors deeper spend-

ing cuts than either the Senate or House has approved. "I'm out of the 'yes' column at this point," he said in an interview.

"I remain to be convinced." Because Mr. Boren is often fickle but follows the party line in the end, his colleagues generally ignore outbursts like the one this week and

cannot afford to do so. And Senator John B. Breaux of Southern Democratic senator who



Judge Charles J. Hearn said he meant no disrespect.

#### Clinton Ponders Next Chairman of Joint Chiefs • Air Force General George

By Al Kamen

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton, who has been on easy street with his Supreme Court nominee, Ruth Bader Ginsburg. and so far with the FBI directordesignate, Louis J. Frech, soon will confront a tricky nomination: re-placement of the Joint Chiefs chairman, General Colin L. Powell, who leaves at the end of September. Defense Secretary Les Aspin has

said privately that he realizes the choice is critical. Mr. Aspin said he whom Mr. Clinton spent several had narrowed the field to two or three possibilities.

Pentagon sources see a half-dozen contenders, including:

The Joint Chiefs vice chairman, Admiral David E. Jeremiah, who has the advantage of being the

current No. 2. • The air force chief of staff, General Merrill A. McPeak. · Admiral Charles R. Larson,

hours in Hawaii this month. Marine General Joseph P. Hoar, head of the Central Command and the Marine commander

head of the Pacific Command, with (Lee) Butler, who runs the U.S. Strategic Command. Army General John M. Shalikashvili, supreme allied commander in Europe, who is seen as something of a dark horse.

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Joseph D. Russell, to monitor civil-rights violations and run a program to train workers to avoid discrimination, the company said.

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Restaurant and bar employees' risk of developing lung cancer is 50 to 90 percent higher than normal because of the unusually high levels of 90 percent higher than normal because of the unusually high levels of tobacco smoke in the air of their establishments, a study Journal of the American Medical Association suggests.

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### 3 Rival Bosnia Leaders, Maps at Hand, Discuss **Ethnic Confederation**

By David B. Ottaway

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Vashington Pasi Service GENEVA - The three warring factions in the Bosnian conflict discussed on Wednesday the possible creation of a confederation of three ethnic republics, and the Muslimled government came under pressure to accept the proposal of its Serbian and Croatian enemies.

Leaders from the three Bosnian communities have come here in a last-ditch attempt to work out a peaceful settlement and avoid the threat of the Bosnian Serbs to faunch a final offensive to complete their military victory over the Mus-

lim-led Bosnian government. Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, anxious to see the talks succeed, sought to maintain a news blackout on the substance of discussions on a possible compromise between the Muslim demand that Bosnia remain a single multiethnic nation and that of the Serbs and Croats that it be partitioned into three ethnic republics.

But reports emanating from various conference sources said the delegations had seriously examined throughout the day maps for the ethnic division of the country within a loose confederation.

A conference spokesman, John Mills, said the second day of talks had made "steady progress." But the only party that seemed to be satisfied with the general trend of scene of "fairly intense fighting."

Serbs, whose forces control 70 per-

cent of the country. Reflecting the unhappiness of at least part of the Bosnian govern-ment delegation, Haris Silajdzic. the Bosnian foreign minister, said he had seen no real progress and

was pessimistic about the outcome. He contended that the whole conference was based on "wrong principles," namely, that the Bosnian Serbs were being rewarded for their aggression and the main vic-tims, the Bosnian Muslims, were

being asked to pay the price. It was the first time the Bosnian president, Alija Izetbegovic, had The international mediators participated in direct talks with his Serbian and Croatian rivals over maps drawn on an ethnic basis.

> ■ Shelling and Fighting Artillery and infantry battles raged on in Bosnia, Reuters reported from Sarajevo.

Around Maglaj, 100 kilometers (60 miles) north of the besieged Bosnian capital, Croatian and Serbian artillery rained down on Muslim defenders, Sarajevo radio said. In Mostar, Bosnian Croats continued to shell civilian and military targets in the Muslim-held part of

the city. At a news conference in Belgrade, the deputy chief of the UN Protection Force, Cedric Thornberry, said the Broko area was the

#### STRIKES: Controllers Necessary

vo's television center. What is less clear is who was responsible.

"The Serbs say, 'lt wasn't us,' and the Muslims say, 'It wasn't us," a NATO officer said. "We have a suspicion that it was done by , the Serbs to make it appear that the Muslims were doing it to make it appear that the Serbs were doing it. That's what we're facing here."

Should a retaliatory attack be authorized, the operation will be largely directed from Naples under command of U.S. Admiral

Wednesday that efforts had been

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18s are also available at Aviano. A NATO officer in Brussels said military flights over Bosnia-Herze-

#### NATO: Bosnia Air Cover Continued from Page 1

political nicety, partly to allow for final congressional consultations. French officials have traveled to New York to press for faster UN action in getting allied air cover, underscoring France's new readi-ness to see NATO play a larger

peacekeeping role.

Common ground between Washington and Paris - after France objected this spring to lifting the arms embargo on Bosnian Muslims has emerged in a desire for some action to display Western resolve but not enough to encourage Bos-nia's government or challenge the Serbian leadership.

If air strikes are approved, U.S. and French officials said, they will be tightly restricted to protecting UN forces and only indirectly linked to defending the "safe havens" that were included in the Security Council resolution:

As a European policymaker put "Now the art of intervention is timing and largeting to encourage the Bosnian Muslims to believe that the West will protect a deal they accept."

After so many broken promises to Bosnia, sterner military mea-sures could be helpful in foreshad-owing Western determination to enforce any UN-approved peace plan, including protection for a Muslim rump state.

The line that the United States and its allies seem ready to draw appears very limited, with Mr. Clinton saying that "the position of the United States has long been that if the United Nations troops were attacked there, we would do our part to protect them by making available air power."

Mr. Butros Ghali also indicated that military action would be con-

fined to silencing hostile fire. Western intervention, if restricted in this way, might actually be welcome to the Yugoslav govern-Venice; a half dozen Navy A-6 or ment, hetping it reign in unruly F/A-18 planes from the aircraft local Serbian militias now that the carrier Theodore Roosevelt in the main Serb and Croatian objectives have been achieved in Bosnia.

NATO's readiness for air strikes has improved with the inclusion of four AC-130 Specter gunships, which would be the ideal plane for Another dozen Air Force F-16s knocking out Serb artillery bases. and eight U.S. Marine Corps F/A- Armor-plated, these aircraft fly 18s are also available at Aviano. Slowly enough to saturate a small They are enforcing the ban on area with their artillery and rapidfire machine guns guided by sophisticated sensors

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## U.S. to Propose Ban on Nuclear Bomb Materials

By Michael R. Gordon

WASHINGTON - The United States is preparing a new arms-control proposal that would aim for a worldwide ban on the production of materials used to produce

nuclear weapons. President Bill Clinton promised during the election campaign last fall to step up efforts to slow the spread of weapons of mass destruction.

Washington has pushed diplomatic efforts to stop North Korean efforts to develop nuclear weapons and has sought to persuade Ukraine to give up its nuclear arsenal. But critics say the Clinton administration has been slow to propose a comprehensive plan.

In the coming weeks, experts hope to present a proposal to han the production of highly enriched uranium and plutonium unless subject to international inspection.

Those materials are used to make the explosive warheads in nuclear weapons, and the purpose of the ban would be to stop the further development of nuclear

Mr. Clinton has yet to approve the plan, which covers nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons and the missiles that deliver them. But there is broad agreement about the purposes.

effort among State, Defense, and Commerce officials and the staff of the National Security Council. Washington has begun sounding out its allies on the

While officials defend their plan as a careful balance of arms-control and diplomatic concerns, it is drawing fire from critics who complain that some elements do not go far enough. Some experts have urged a worldwide ban on the production of all enriched uranium and plutonium. Under the plan, all nations would be asked to join an international agreement to stop producing uramum and plutonium for nuclear weapons. The United States has already stopped producing such material, but Britain, China, and Russia continue production.

This agreement would not prohibit West European nations and Japan from producing highly enriched uranium or plutonium for nuclear power. But the producers would have to let the International Atomic Energy Agency inspect such production, and ensure that excess plutonium

Other nations, including South Africa, North Korea, Israel, Pakistan and India would be treated differently: the United States would try to discourage them from building plants to make these materials even for civilian

India, Pakistan and Israel already produce highly enriched uranium and plutonium; they would be expected to

stop all production. South Africa has said it has abandoned its nuclear bomb program, but it has a factory that can produce highly enriched uranium. U.S. officials hope to persuade South Africa to limit its production to less enriched urani-

Experts describe the plan as a first step that, along with a ban on nuclear testing, will restrain weapons development while Washington and its allies grapple with the thorny question of how to reduce stockpiles of fissionable

Officials also say that the emerging plan is the most that the United States can hope to achieve and that asking Ispan and West European nations to stop all production uranium and plutomium would be futile.

Even carrying our Washington's new plan may prove difficult. Britain, for example, has indicated that it wants to keep producing material to make warheads for its new Trident submarine-launched missiles.

And Third World nations may object to the request that they stop all production of uranium when Western Europe and Japan are not being asked to do the same.

#### ITALY: Grim Warning

by years of unbridled corruption.

The country is facilities. The country is facing "a war against unknown people," said the culture minister, Alberto Ronchey.

Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio Clampi, who is committed to early elections to replace Italy's disgraced elite of revolving-door politicians with a more representative democracy, said the bombings were "attempts to create disorder and panic and slow the country's progress toward renewal."

Following a predawn cabinet meeting the head of the civilian intelligence service, Angelo Finocchiaro, resigned. The interior minister told the Senate that Mr. Finocchiaro had quit to make it clear the service was not guilty of "deviation." This is the term used by Italians to imply anti-government plotting by intelligence agents.

Some politicians saw a link between the attacks and the politically devastating testimony of Giuseppe Garofano, a former chairman of the Montedison chemicals group. Mr. Garosano has told investigators how politicians and officials took \$280 million in kickbacks and bribes in the creation and sale of a chemicals joint ven-

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involved in the Enimont affair were found dead, apparently by suicide, last week. They were Raul Gardini, the former chairman of Ferruzzi-Montedison and Gabriele Cagliari the former chairman of FNI the state-owned energy concern. RAImagistrates were about to start legal proceedings against several ministers who served under former Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti between 1989 and 1992. President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro,

JAPAN: 7-Member Coalition to End Party's Reign

the Japan New Party.

the United States.

Democratic Party last month to form the Japan Renewal Party. An-

other potential candidate is Mr.

Hosokawa, who left the Liberal

Democratic Party last year to form

The policy framework that seems

to be emerging from the "Not-LDP" talks means that Japan's

government will continue its close

military and political alliance with

On economic policy, the group seems likely to take new pro-con-

sumer steps, including an income tax cut. The coalition does not plan

a quick end to Japan's ban on rice

imports, however.
In foreign affairs, the coalition says, it will offer much stronger

apologies and compensation than

ever before to Asian neighbors that

The most likely choice seems to jor policy step, however, will focus son always became prime minister.

were savaged by Japan's 1

forces in World War IL.

in a message to the nation, said the bombings would not be allowed to stand in the way of the corruption investigations, or to hinder the movement toward democratic re-

"We do not fear the disclosure of any names, however prominent,

Continued from Page 1

will formally be named at a special session of the lower house of the

national Diet, or parliament, prob-

There are nine major parties in Japan. The Communist Party, with just 15 members in the 511-seat

lower house, fiercely refuses to

align with anybody. The Liberal

Democrats, who saw three more

Diet members defect from the par-

ty Wednesday, have 220 lower house seats, 36 short of a majority.

Thus the coalition of the remain-

ing seven parties will have majority

control as long as all seven groups

The first key vote in the Diet

parties are now engaged in negotia-tions over who that will be.

ably late next week.



A man in Sidon, Lebanon, running for shelter Wednesday during attacks on the coastal city by Israeli aircraft and gunboats.

The seven coalition parties have

While the "Not-LDP" side was

reporting agreement, the Liberal

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"We call on all the parties to take all necessary steps to end the vio-lence," he said in a statement read

to reporters at a daily briefing. "Military activities directed against all civilians should also stop," Mr. McCurry said. "We are deeply disturbed by the situation which is bringing massive refugee flows to Lebanon. The refugees

from southern Lebanon must be allowed to return to their homes The statement by Mr. Butros Ghali said: "The secretary-general

has learned with alarm that a major objective of the Israeli bombing campaign in southern Lebanon is aimed at displacing the civilian population from villages in the Israel opened its attacks after seven Israeli soldiers were killed by

tentatively agreed on an expansive package of bills that will sharply guerrillas in recent weeks in its selfchange the electoral system and the laws governing political contribu-tions. The goal is to end the dreary pattern of bribery and illegal con-tribution scandals that has plagued proclaimed security zone in southern Lebanon and gaerrillas began firing rockets into northern Israel. In Jerusalem, Chris Hodges of The New York Times reported that Japanese politics under Liberal Democratic rule. only a few rockets were fired into

Israel on Wednesday as the artillery barrage and bombing by Israel "Now we are at the stage in which we are firing into the villages in order to cause damage to proper-ty," said General Yehosh Dorf-

responsibility for his party's poor man, Israel's artillery commander. showing in the election, Mr. Miyazawa stepped down last week "The aim is to create a situation in which the residents will leave the villages and go north. The aim is to For the past 38 years, the choice stroy the villages and the houses of the activists and the locations from ident has been the most important The next government's first ma- election in Japan, because that perwhich the rockets are fired. A large

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The advertisement, covering one-third of a page, contends that Jewish industrial and financial groups surrounding the Rothschild family have taken over the rest of the world and are now attempting to destroy Japan.

It asserts that Japan's stock market slump, the value of the yen and

current political turmoil are all the work of Jews, who are said already to control the Fmance Ministry and the Bank of Japan. Asked to comment on the Wiesenthal Center's complaint, Nihon Keizai said its advertising policy was founded on respect for freedom

of expression and publication. The advertised book, in three parts, is called "Hit Japan, the Last

In one of Japan's more bizarre cultural manifestations, newspapers and magazines periodically publish articles purporting to reveal the dangers that world Jewry poses to Japanese life.

### Indian Leader Wins 3d Confidence Vote

NEW DELHI - Prime Minister P.V. Narasamha Rao survived a noconfidence motion Wednesday in Parliament, where opponents had

accused him of corruption and in-It was the third no-confidence motion that Mr. Rao's minority government had defeated since it came to power in June 1991. He won by a margin of 262 to 248 in the voting Wednesday; eight mem-

bers abstained. It appeared that managers of the governing Congress (I) Party had succeeded in splitting the 20-strong Janata Dal (A), which had announced it would vote against the government. Politicians said at least seven and possibly eight members of the Janata Dal faction had broken ranks and voted with the

Mr. Rao will now propose a constitutional amendment that would allow Parliament to ban parties or groups that promote religious hatred. It would also forbid candidates who won elections by introducing religious topics or symbols during campaigns from taking scats in federal and state legisla-

The legislation is clearly aimed at the Bharatiya Janata Party, Parliament's largest opposition group and Mr. Rao's archenemy.

The motion was sponsored by a leftist coalition and supported by

the right-wing Bharatiya Janata Mr. Rao, who took power following the assassination of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, has reformed India's closed economy and confronted a growing Hindu fundamentalist movement. But his government has been paralyzed since he was accused last month of accepting money from the key suspect in India's worst financial scan-dal.

(AP, Reiders)

Atlantic Treaty Organization.

BERLIN - Rarely has a nation Polls show that the German peomarched off to peace with more handwringing anxiety than Germany has shown in its current deploy-ment of peacekeeping troops in So-

malia. The German force is modest. It will grow perhaps to 1,700 soldiers by next month. The benign mission is to provide support to other United Nations troops in a pacified area near the Ethiopian border.

Nevertheless, the departure of the troops for Africa in recent days has dominated the German press and intensified debate over the country's role in world affairs. Beyond concerns about the safe-

ty of German soldiers lies anxiety that this first tentative move into post-Cold War power politics could exceed the mission's constitutional bounds and precipitate a political crisis at home.

· Chancellor Helmut Kohl is said to have assured Paris, London and Brussels that the Germans will not cut and run even if action heats up in Beledweyne, the city 200 miles (320 kilometers) north of Mogadishu where the German force has

Defense Minister Volker Ruhe, during a morale-building trip to Beledweyne, suggested that Ger-many now is entitled to a louder voice in UN operations in Somalia.

But Rudolf Scharping, chief of the opposition Social Democrats, proposed that German participation in any future UN operation require a two-thirds majority in parliament - a restriction that would effectively keep the army at

Mr. Scharping asserted that Mr. Kohl's government misled parliament about the Somalia mission, which could involve combat. The German constitution forbids mili-

German Peacekeepers March to an Uncertain Trumpet tary operations outside the North

> ple remain divided. In a survey published by the magazine Der Spiegel, 51 percent of those polled favored bringing German soldiers out if they come under fire; 42 percent disagreed.

Mr. Kohl represents the faction that sees Germany shouldering an increasing burden - and more inin the community of fluence

"One thing that's very important for the Germans is to be pulled out of the niche protecting them from international responsibility," recently observed Kurt Biedenkopf. nier of the Eastern state of Saxony. "Germans were never particu-larly happy with Helmut Schmidt's observation that they were eco-nomic giants and political dwarfs, but they felt rather comfortable with that position."

Some conservative politicians view the military activism as a barometer by which to gauge Germany's return to normality nearly half a century after World War II, according to Werner Hoyer, parlia-mentary whip for the Free Democrats, junior partner in Mr. Kohl's coalition. But there is still no accepted view of what a normal Germany should look like, Mr. Hoyer

Many officials in Bonn concur that providing logistical support for other UN forces in Somalia is at the edge of humanitarian missions permitted under the German Constitution. Should German troops find themselves exchanging fire, the Free Democrats have signaled that they will withdraw their sup-

That could mean bringing the troops home - a painfully embarrassing setback to Mr. Kohl. -RICK ATKINSON

Somali Muslims, recruited to work for the United Nations, praying near an Italian military transport in the north of the country.

**UN Aide Backs Court Review of German Asylum Cases** 

BONN — Germany should not dragged on for years to be completeurtail legal channels any further ed within 19 days. for asylum-seekers rejected under a new fast-track system, the leading steady trickle of appeals to Germa-United Nations refugee official in Germany said Wednesday.

The introduction of a tough new asylum law on July 1 to stem a have irritated conservative politiflood of refugees means the govern-

ment expects cases that previously

But the law has prompted a ny's supreme court, which has suspended deportation orders against four asylum-seekers. These appeals Hans Tennfeld, head of the Ger-

man mission of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, told German radio: "It is necessary that there should be a first court and that an appeal can then be taken to an independent second court. Half

undermined and may have to be and that clearly shows that the changed. a need for protection needs to be looked at much more closely." Last year almost 440,000 refugees applied for asylum in Germa-

ny.
Since July I, all potential applicants have been turned back at Germany's land borders.

## U.S. Reviews Refusal to Comply With Regional Nuclear Weapon Bans

By Michael Richardson

International Herald Tribune SINGAPORE - The Clinton administration is reviewing a longstanding U.S. policy of refusing to comply with regional agreements that ban the

possession or storage of nuclear weapons, Western officials said Wednesday.

Under that policy, Washington has refused for the last eight years to sign the protocol to a 1985 treaty establishing a nuclear weapons-free zone covering the South Pacific.

Washington argues that such a treaty could weaken global nuclear deterrence and, in particular, impede freedom of navigation for the U.S.

The United States also strongly opposes a plan by countries in the Association of South East Asian Nations to create a similar zone that would cover sea and air lanes used by U.S. military forces in the Pacific to reach the Indian Ocean and the ing about the nuclear issue," Mr. Wisner said.

Gulf. The ASEAN members are Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thai-

In an interview on Wednesday, Frank G. Wisner, the U.S. undersecretary of defense for policy, said the United States is reviewing its position on the planned zone for Southeast Asia.

In a separate interview, Gareth Evans, foreign minister of Australia, said that he had been advised by a senior U.S. official that there was "a fundamental review going on, a rethink of atti-tudes" toward the South Pacific zone.

Mr. Wisner noted President Bill Clinton's recent call for a worldwide ban on the testing of nuclear weapons and also the progress made in nuclear arms reduction in negotiations between the United States, Russia and other nations from the former Soviet Union.

There has been "literally a revolution in think-

"a fresh look at what is at stake" for U.S. interests in the proposed nuclear weapons-free zone for Southeast Asia.

Both Mr. Wisner and Mr. Evans emphasized that they did not know what the U.S. reviews would conclude and recommend.

Analysts said, however, that the end of U.S.-Soviet nuclear rivalry, the removal of all tactical nuclear weapons from U.S. warships and submarines and decisions to close U.S. bases in the Philippines has made Washington much less wary of nuclear-free zones.

At a news conference Wednesday, at the end of a three-day meeting of officials from 12 Asia-Pacific nations and the European Community, Ali Alatas, the Indonesian foreign minister, said that the drafting of a treaty to establish a nuclear weapons-free zone in Southeast Asia was in an

While noting that the Cold War nuclear confrontation was over, he said: "We are still in a world that is bristling with nuclear weapons." Making Southeast Asia an area where the manu-

facture, acquisition and storage of nuclear weapons was forbidden would help prevent the spread of nuclear arms, he said. In a closed session of the conference on Monday, which was attended by Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, the ASEAN foreign min-

isters assured the U.S. delegation that legitimate interests of powers outside the region would be protected in the drafting of such a nuclear-free ASEAN officials said that the treaty would preserve all existing rights of passage through

international sea lanes and airspace in Southeast Asia for foreign ships and aircraft even if they carried nuclear weapons. Individual countries in the region that signed

the treaty would also be able to decide for themselves whether to allow access to their ports and airfields for foreign ships and aircraft carrying nuclear weapons, the officials said. The U.S. will neither confirm nor deny reports

that it has nuclear weapons on ships, aircraft or In what appeared to be a significant shift in

policy, Kabun Muto, foreign minister of Japan, said Wednesday that Japan was inclined toward supporting an indefinite extension of the Nuclear nproliferation Treaty. Earlier this month, when concerns about a sus-

pected North Korean program to develop nuclear weapons were at their height. Japan refused to endorse a call by the U.S. and other industrial powers for an extension of the 1970 pact.

The Japanese position caused concern among Asian nations that Japan was leaving open an option to develop nuclear arms.



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#### **Peace Talks or More War?**

#### Hezbollah's Conceit

It is the conceit of Hezbollah ("Party of God"), the tranian-aided terrorist group, that by provoking Israel it can derail the Arab-Israeli peace talks. This is foolish. Hezbollah's opposition to the talks is not in doubt, but on both sides these talks express a larger official and popular commitment that is beyond the

 casy reach of terrorist upset. Still, once military forces wheel into action in the Middle East, no one can be entirely sanguine about what might ensue. That is reason enough for concern about this week's violence. From their sanctuary in Syriandominated Lebanon, Hezbollah guerrillas had recently killed seven Israeli soldiers in the slice of the country that Israel controls, and had rocketed border settlements in Israel proper. Israelis responded with powerful assaults aimed at punishing the guerrillas and raising the costs to Lebanon of failing to keep its territory guerrilla-free. North and south of the border, civilian casualties have been recorded, and several hundred thousand villagers have been displaced from their homes.

A familiar pattern is evident here. Lebanon's government, weakened by civil war and foreign intervention, cannot perform the first function of sovereignty — controlling its own territory. If it could, there is every reason to think that Lebanon, desperately trying to rebuild, would leash the guerrillas whom Iran and Syria sponsor, in their respective fashions, on its territory.

Israel is then led to protect its borders, as any nation would. But by taking over a slice

of Lehanon for its own strategic purposes. Israel inflicts one blow on its neighbor, and by its hot and heavy pursuit of guerrillas well beyond that slice, it inflicts another blow. Israelis of the right tend to see Lebanon as Israelis to make over. Israelis of the left recall earlier wars, especially the one in 1982, and see a quagmire. But both Israeli factions support a negotiated peace.

It was helpful to have President Bill Clinton reassert the priority of the diplomatic track on Tuesday. It had already been announced that Secretary of State Warren Christopher was heading to the Middle East next week: Mr. Clinton had the secretary cut short an Asia trip to return to Washington first. The United States, eager for progress in the stalled talks, wants to maintain its standing with all the parties. But was it necessary for the president to laud the "commendable restraint" of Syria, which, although it seems to have acted soberly with its own forces, has a measure of responsibility for the guerrilla marauders who touched

#### The Only Alternative

With luck, the deadly exchanges of bombs and rockets now raining down on civilian populations on both sides of the Israeli-Lebanese border will not blow up the Middle East peace talks. Stopping the negotiations would perversely reward the very group that trig-gered the latest cycle of violence—the radical Lehanese Party of God, whose guerrillas killed seven Israeli soldiers stationed on Lebanese soil earlier this month in a calculated effort to undermine the talks.

With that danger in mind. Damascus has prudently restrained its own forces in Lebanon even though Syrian soldiers have been killed in the fighting. Showing less restraint. Israel is deliberately trying to force tens of thousands of Lebanese civilians to flee northward, in the hope that this will somehow pressure Beirut and Damascus to crack down on the Party of God. But violence, particularly on such a large scale, can develop its own terrible momentum. Twice before, in 1978 and 1982. Israeli retaliatory raids on Lebanon escalated into higger battles, with unhappy consequences all around. Washington is thus right to take this latest crisis extremely seriously, rushing Secretary of State Warren Christopher back from Asia for urgent consultations with President Bill Clinton before he sets off for the Middle East this weekend.

Mr. Christopher's goal of revitalizing the peace talks suddenly takes on new urgency. The Israeli, Lebanese, Syrian and Jordanian governments and the Palestinian negotiators,

Although the big American steel companies

are complaining bitterly, the steel import deci-

sions may not work out badly for them. The

issue is penalties on imported steel that is

being illegally subsidized or dumped. In the

intricate pattern of the International Trade

Commission's decisions, you can discern the

outline of a trade policy. No doubt the ITC

will protest that it intended nothing of the sort

and merely settled these cases, one by one, on

the facts. If so, the hint of a purposeful policy

In another interesting coincidence, the de-

CISIONS also suggest elegant diplomacy. These

cases had the potential to inflame America's

trading relationships with Europe and Japan,

greatly damaging the chances for a successful

end to the Uruguay Round of world trade

negotiations. As it turns out, the European

Community, if not Japan, seems moderately

Last month the Commerce Department an-nounced that it had found subsidies or dump-

ing in imports of several categories of steel from 20 countries. The remedies would be

high tariffs as penalties, but to get them the

plaintiffs also had to prove that they are

actually being hurt by those imports - and

not by domestic competition. The plaintiffs

is merely an interesting coincidence.

pleased by the outcome.

off this dangerous episode? - THE WASHINGTON POST. all feel they have a stake in keeping the talks going, but that may not be enough. With radi-cal Islamic rejectionists like the Party of God and Hamas working to raise the level of vio-lence, and with the talks stalemated over core

issues like Jerusalem and the Golan Heights.

political support for peace in the region could begin to melt away before year's end.

Mr. Christopher faces a formidable challenge. He has no magic powers to create a negotiating breakthrough. Only the Middle Eastern parties directly concerned can do that. Yet he and his boss, Bill Clinton, will be held politically accountable if the talks break down.

What former Secretary of State James Baker put together with the smoke and mirrors he called "constructive ambiguity" must now be sustained through grit and hard work. Per-haps Mr. Christopher can help Israelis and Palestinians find a way to talk about selfgovernment in the West Bank and Gaza without tripping over final territorial definitions. Maybe he can unlock Israel and Syria from their mutual insistence that the other go first in spelling out a Golan Heights deal. Even better would be a recharging of the will to compromise, worn down by months of interruptions and delay.

The only alternative to negotiated peace is now spectacularly on view on both sides of the Israeli-Lebanese frontier. The grim horror of that alternative has properly concentrated the minds of American statesmen. May it do the same for their Arab and Israeli counterparts, before it is too late.

the support of the United Steelworkers union.

in all of the cases involving hot-rolled

steel, and most of those involving cold-rolled

steel, the ITC found that the American com-

panies were not in fact being burt by the

imports. Those are the products in which the

big companies are facing fierce competition

at home from the mini-mills - nimble, low-

cost operations using nonunion labor. But in

tant steel - more expensive, requiring a

much higher level of technology and not

produced by mini-mills - the ITC agreed

The effect is to give the big American

companies a substantial measure of protec-

tion at the high end of the technology scale.

At the low end, the Europeans, Japanese and

Brazilians are now free to come in and com-

pete, if they can, with the mini-mills. Steel

mports into the United States, incidentally,

have not grown in recent years. They have been stable at a little less than one-fifth of

total American steel consumption.

The American legal procedures for settling

trade disputes are inordinately costly, com-

plex and uncertain. But in this case, even this

awkward machinery has produced a useful

that the imports were causing injury.

most of the cases involving corrosion-resis-

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

### When Good Wishes Abet Tragic Results

P ARIS — The agony of Bosnia is trailing on. But there is no longer real doubt about its ignominious, mortifying end - if the problems of refugees, prisoners, enduring shame and ha-

tred it will leave can be called an end.
The Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic put it vaingloriously but with blunt accuracy.

They are militarily defeated and we have no argency to negotiate with them," he said of the Muslim-led defenders, suggesting that a "settle-ment" be put off to midaurumn "when the warring sides define their stands."

Neither the United Nations nor any Western government has as yet admitted craven submis-

Aid is a temporizing response. It is not self-evident that it always does more good than harm.

sion to the forces of arms and indifference. although they, too, have met with a moral and political defeat as complete as that of the shortlived state of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

By Flora Lewis

ly righteous claim of Secretary of State Warren Christopher that "the United States is doing all it can consistent with our national interest." It is his job and that of President Bill Clinton to define the national interest, and they have done

so without even a dash of candor or lucidity. Historians can worry about that, At this point, I think it is more argent to examine with painful clarity the importance and value of what the socalled international community did try to do. it was based on three widely accepted, well-

meaning assumptions. They must be opened to question as the basis for future decisions, be-cause certainly the Bosnian tragedy will not be the last of its kind for us to ponder, Mr Christopher called it "the world's most difficult pro-blem," but he isn't looking shead.

The first assumption, asserted by the Europe-an Community and endorsed by the United States, was that mediation and a kind of benign diplomatic massaging of the parties to a fierce dispute can produce an agreement that they have refused to reach with each other; that merely showing an interest and urging reason

It was already quite clear before the state of Yugoslavia fragmented that the parties were not going to resolve their conflict amicably, so that the rest of the world could tolerantly and even-

wanted to believe that divorce in the name of self-determination was feasible, the modern, decent way of ending a domestic dispute. Now they have seen the meaning of divorce Yugoslav-style, without benefit of rules and concern for rights.

The second assumption was that once lighting starts the least outsiders can do — in this case, the most they wanted to do — is to provide humanitarian aid. That means food, medicane, perhaps some fuel, to keep people going. It kept the sieges and the misery and the killing going. People were grateful to survive another day, another week, that is human nature. Did it do any good, or just prolong the suffering?
That is a terrible question, but it has to be

faced. The tendency is growing to respond with "humanitarian aid" to what are essentially man-made, political problems around the world Charitable organizations resist intervention to attack the source. They argue, with evidence, that it interferes with their distribu-tion of relief and that if they have to bribe, deal with thugs, submit to robbery to get on with their effort, in Somalia as well as Bosnia, it is worthwhile because lives are saved.

It salves consciences and permits a self-satis-lying glow of generatry. How far can it go? How long can it bast?

These are not responses to acts of nature— earthquakes, floods, droughts—but to deliber-ately, humanly provoked disasters in which the rewards for abuse of power are enhanced. Aid is

a temporizing response. It is not self-evident that it always does more good than harm.

The third assumption was that it is useful to call on the United Nations of the humanitarian effort runs into trouble, even if UN members are not prepared to do more than try to keep supplies. moving. Dispatched to separate combatants, UN troops have in effect protected Serbian enclaves in Croatia, freeing men to hight elsewhere. They helped get some supplies through to the hungry in Bosnia, but the siege of Sarajevo has gone on

for 16 months as a result.

The achievements of the blue helmets depend on the good graces of the attackers, who extract a share of supplies as the price and are prepared to block relief to the moment of utter despera-tion to increase their bargaining power. The United Nations has been able to exert no au-thority, neither military nor moral. Is the illusion that the international community is "doing something," that it is "present," enough to justify its being party to the characle?

The answers are not obvious, but it is obvious that the assumptions don't work. Comforting hypocrisy has betrayed the pretense of merciful action. It would be better to be brutally honest, and then decide what we can really stand, what we are really prepared to offer.

🖰 Flora Lewis.

#### This is too near the moment of truth for will do the trick. arguments about what could have, should have, been done. They will go on for a long time after the fact. There will be no shortage of blame to go around, unevenly but for all those involved and those unwilling to get involved beyond gestures. It is hard, though, to hear the prissy, plaintivehandedly take note and go its way. But many I WARN YOU!...YOU ARE IN POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF THE FOLLOWING BINDING RESOLUTIONS...

### The Way Ahead for Europe Is Back to Practicality

By William Pfaff

PARIS - Self-inflicted wounds are the worst, and Western Europe today reels from them, wounds uncalculated ambition and failure

foresight.
The European Monetary System has in recent days been battered again by speculators, but this has also been a consequence of the plan's own overreaching ambition — an ambition that the European governments danger now is grievous enough for some in Brussels to forecast the collapse of European unity itself, if cur-

rency union eventually goes. However, European union surely does not depend on currency union. It rests on a political commitment to

European reconciliation. Unity has been constructed by four decades of eminently practical steps in economic integration, which have brought political integration with them. The plan for monetary union was meant to be the biggest of these steps, but it has proved the unluckiest one — unlucky because uncharacteristic, a departure from

successful precedent. Monetary union was an uncharacteristic and imprudent step because it involves matters that governments cannot control. From coal and steel industry unification in the 1950s to creation of a single European market at the start of the 1990s, the successive steps in building Europe all were within the power of governments to carry out. They may have been complicated and difficult, but they were matters that parliaments and officials could order to be done, in the confi-

dence that they would be done. he value of money is not subject to determination by governments, except incompletely and indirectly,

The Community's morale could vanish. A gradual decline could follow.

as the eventual result of economic as well as fiscal policy decisions that are then subjected to popular and political reaction and the forces of the marketplace.

Relative currency values are sub-ject to variables in the interactions of national economies with different characteristics and different problems, existing at different stages in the economic cycle or in different stages of development. It is, for example, reasonably clear

at the moment that the French economy is in fundamentally better condition than the German. But Germany's interest rates are kept high because of the inflationary threat to

> tion in Western Europe, has had to keep its interest rates high as well, in order to defend the franc's value in the monetary union, producing recession and unemployment in France.

What suits the one economy dis-comfits the other. Neither government can be expected indefinitely to sacri-fice its national interests to those of the other government. France has until now subordinated its interest in economic relaunch and lowered unemployment to the German interest in fighting inflation, believing that the onger-term goal of an eventual common currency and France's larger political interest in maintaining Germany's European integration justify the sacrifice. In principle, they undoubtedly do. However, it may be that the

sacrifice is for a mistaken purpose.
The genius of Jean Monnet and Robert Schuman in beginning Eu-

rope's union in the 1950s was to propose practical steps of obvious common advantage and let the larger consequences flow from that Currency onion, like the measures of political and security policy unification contained in the Massricht treaty's Germany created by the unrealistic program for further Buropean into terms on which the West German e gration has been an attended make economy was united with the quasi- a big programmate. Temp to walk moribund East German economy, with the details to be filled in after than the country with the details to be filled in after the country with t

man method It hasn't really worked. This has been a very bad year for European integration. The fiasoo over Yugoslavia, the appalling fail-ure of the Europeans to take any coherent initiative to that the war and the arrocities, plus the political drama provoked in Dealman, France and Britain by the Massiricht treaty debate, and Britain's cuit from the European monetary union, followed by speculative international attack. upon currencies still in the union, have all produced European division

in place of union.
It is possible that this will costinue. The danger is not of some trainartic collapse. It is rather that the Comi place of union. munity's morale will vanish, and that a gradual decline will follow- Despite the fact that the Community's members have an interest in its continued existence, which far outweights any na-tional interest that might be served by its dissolution, it is imaginable that the forces of disintegration, which are considerable, will exentually prevail. The Maastricht proposals might prove to have been the beginning of the end, not the new beginning that they were

intended to become.

However, unlike the value of 12 currencies, this is within the power of governments to decide. Do the West Europeans push aside these big and supposedly visionary programs for allor-nothing union, and get back to the practical work by which European union has unit now been constructed? Or do they turn inward again, to their

Or to they that inward again, to mear separate national interests?

The answer will be of great interest to the United States as well as to Europeans, since the United States has in more than a symbolic sense been Europe's 13th member -ally of the other 12, promoter of this union which, until now, has seemed the guarantor of European peace, generator of a common prosperity.

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### **Assad Role** Is Clear: On a Brink

By Robert Satloff

Washington — Bill Clinton made a mistake in praising Hafez Assad for "commendable re-straint" in Lebanon. What is needed when Secretary of State Warren Chris-topher arrives in the Middle East to try to unlock negotiations is an effort to rein in Syrian brinkmanship.

That means making it clear that the administration is not fooled by President Assad's attempt to use force to compel Washington to take Syrian peace demands seriously, if only to avert full-scale confrontation.

Mr. Assad has again resorted to fonce by proxy as his preferred negotiating method. The result: The worst border violence in a decade. Mr. As-sad has to be held accountable for the fighting. Behind Hezbollah—the Par-ty of God—stand two states. Iran is the spiritual and funancial pillar, but material support passes through Syria; its assent is needed before local bosses

approve operations.

A heightened U.S. role as full partner in the direct bilateral talks will be symbolized by Mr. Christopher's shuttle diplomacy for the next six months. Evidently, this main goal is Syria, which has made no progress in its talks with Israel and can disrupt any advances the Palestinians might make on their own.

Mr. Assad hopes to improve ties with America, but there is serious doubt that he will make the compromises needed to settle Syria's conflict with Israel Slogans about "total peace for total withdrawal" aside, 20 months of talks have revealed futie about what sort of peace he has in mind.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel has committed himself to a withdrawal on the Golan Heights; the extent of the pullout is based on the extent of peace. The next move is Mr. Assad's, but for 10 months he has not made it. He wants what President Anwar Sadat of Egypt got (all the land) but refuses to give what Mr. Sadat gave (full peace).

Rocket fire over Israel is Mr. Assad's way of saying that the lull is over. Syria virtually took responsibil-ity for the attacks when its foreign minister proctaimed that Lebanon and Syria are one state and that retaliation against one would be viewed as retaliation against the other.

The attacks on Israeli troops by Hezboliah and by the Damasca based Popular Front for the Libera-tion of Palestine headed by Ahmad Jebril that triggered the fighting con-

firmed Syria's role.

The flare-up represents the latest chapter of diplomacy by force that is a tradition of Syrian negotiating strategy, When Israel and Syria were losted by geographors that would lead to their post-1973 war disengagement agreement. Mr. Assad

Impached a war of attrition to raise the pressure of Estael.

In the 1980s, as Israel prepared to withdraw from Lebanon and establish a security zone, Mr. Assad un-leashed Lebanese car bombers against Israeli targets to speed up Israel's evacuation without a com-

parable Syrian withdrawal. If Mr. Assad truly wants peace, the potent mix of Katyushas and Mr. Jebril does not signify that he is ready to make it happen.

The Syrian press has written much about Bosnia. Editorials have pilloried the UN resolution setting up havens for Bosnian Muslims on the grounds that its language resembled Security Council Resolution 242, the

foundation of Middle East talks. The Syrians ask: Will Washington follow up its commitment to Middle East peace as it followed through on its promises to the Bosnians?

After watching the debacle in Bos-nia, Mr. Assad may have concluded from the Bosnian Serbs' strategy that attack and negotiate may be the way to win what he wants without offering what is needed in return.

Because Mr. Assad wants a U.S.

dividend from the peace process even thore than peace with Israel, Washington is in a strong position to try to ensure that he will view the debacle in Bosma as an exception, not the rule,

in U.S. foreign policy,
Mr. Christopher needs to convince
Mr. Assad that peacemaking and troublemaking do not go hand in hand. He needs to get the message across that Mr. Assad's alliance with fran, support for Hezbollah and patronage of Mr. Jebril are inconsistent with Syria's professed desire for peace and eagerness for U.S. intervention to help achieve it.

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Willia,

#### The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1893: China Prepared

LONDON - The attitude of Chinain respect to the Siamese question is put into defininte shape in a despatch from Pekin to the Standard: "While the Chinese Government is not likely to attempt to enforce its rights as nominal auzerain of Siam to the extent of intervening so long as the scene of conflict is limited to the Menam and Lower Mekong, I can state positively that it is fully determined to uphold its dominion on the upper Mekong, and that if France encroaches above 21 degrees of north latitude she will find China in her path."

#### 1918: Concrete Vessels

NEW YORK - "Concrete vessels which the Emergency Fleet Corpora-tion is building are twenty percent lighter than the wooden ships, and will be coated with a substance which will make them as durable as steel vessels." asserts the chief engine the Concrete Ship Division of the

corporation. "We are assured that concrete ships will last a minimum of several years without any protection. The aggregate from which this new concrete is made is so light that it floats on water, and yet it makes a kind of concrete possessing twice the strength of that used in ordinary building construction."

#### 1943: No Escapes WASHINGTON — From our New

York edition: Addressing the nation and the world by radio. President Rossevelt declared tonight [July 28] that we shall not settle for less than total victory" in a war in which the "first crack in the Axis has come." He resterated that the United Nations' terms to Italy remain the same as to Germany and Japan — "unconditional surrender." As for the ousted Mussolini, he asserted: "He and his Fascist gang will be brought to book and pun-ished for their crures against human-ity. No criminal will be allowed to escape by the expedient of resignation."

#### were 11 big integrated steel companies, with - THE WASHINGTON POST. Other Comment

A Compromise on Steel

#### No Big Change Yet in Japan

It was hilled as the occasion when, for the first time in almost 40 years, Japan's political balance would change in a dramatic way. Yet if the general election that Japan held on July 18 was dramatic, then watching paint dry has a great future as a speciator sport.

The big loser was the main opposition group, the Social Democrats, and not the government: the ruling Liberal Democratic Party lost its overall majority, but is still three times bigger than any other party and is likely to dominate a coalition government.

Put the opposition forces together, and you have the potential for the end of the LDP's

monopoly on power. The next battles will determine whether that potential can be turned into an actual, and dramatic, change. The only clear outcome of the election was that the old alternative government, the Social Democrats (who are really socialists), took a clobbering, What remains is to build another, credible alternative to the old order. It could be fashioned out of the new parties. It could emerge through further fractures in the LDP. It could eventually be created, after another general election, by a party not yet in existence. It could even be created by a new-look Liberal Democratic Party. The forces for change are there; the first, subtle steps have been taken.

- The Economist (London).



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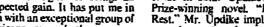
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WASHINGTON - Writing about Libya's efforts to evade punishment for the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 brings an unexpected gain. It has put me in touch with an exceptional group of Americans around the country whose sense of right and wrong, and displays of raw emotion, contrast sharply with the sophisti-cated, results-oriented behavior of the Washington establishment that I normally cover.

These Americans are relatives and friends of Pan Am passengers and crew members who perished over Lockerbie. Scotland, on Dec.

The bombing of Pan Am 103 was a crime against America as well as against indiciduals.

21, 1988. Many have dedicated themselves to making sure that this monstrous crime does not get swept under the rug.

These families pursue justice more than they pursue vengeance, even if that emotion is not totally absent from their thoughts. Their lives have been scorched - some say destroyed - by the Lockerbie crime, the enormity of which surprised me as I dug back into it.

The Pan Am hombing set off the most wide-ranging international criminal investigation in recent history. It sent America's premier airline into terminal bankruptey. It has provoked more debate and action within the U.S. government and the United Nations - which have demanded that Libra turn over two men charged with carrying out the bombing - than any other individual foreign terrorist

Pan Am 103 appropriately serves as the defining moment of the

act i can recell

By Jim Hoagland

The Case Is About More Than Money

1980s in John Updike's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. "Rabbit at Rest." Mr. Updike implicitly suggests that an American era of being dominant and at ease abroad came to an end with this attack.

I "knew" all those things. But I had not added them up and realized that the crime of Pan Am 103 is a giant vortex of emotion, polis and money, sucking nations, families and individuals into a destabilizing swirt that is far from finished. The families of the 259 victims live permanently at the center of that vortex: but none of us interested and involved in America's role in the world escape

the pull of this crime. Money is at the root of the latest phase of the Lockerbie case. Some of the victims' relatives called my attention to what they see as an attempt to buy them off to end their relentless pursuit of the Liby-

ans. That notion enrages them, None of us can feel what the families have suffered, no matter how hard they try to make us do just that. They will always seem too emotional, obsessive about their losses and difficult to deal with from an outsider's "rational" perspective. A day in any police court will demonstrate what I mean. Pan Am 103 is superficially a homicide case writ large in the

skies above Scotland. Susan Cohen, Rosemary Wolfe, Stephanic Bernstein and others persuaded me otherwise. Each had a piece of the puzzle of what the Libyans wanted done by American lawyers who were offered \$1.5 million to take the Libvan case.

As a sovereign government, Libva cannot be sued by the families or anyone else without Libya's permission. The families have sued Pan Am's insurer. A judgment that could eventually lead to awards totaling \$500 million in 225 separate cases is now on appeal in the 2d U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals located in New York.

Secondly, the United States govrament controls \$958 million in Libyan assets, frozen under eco-nomic sanctions enacted in 1986 topunish Libya for supporting international terrorism. Is Libya hiring U.S. lawyers to help in unfreezing those assets so that part can be paid to the Pan Am families?

The outlines of such a deal were conveyed to Lee S. Kreindler, the New York lawyer who represents the largest number of Pan Am victims' families, on July 12. Mr. Kreindler describes in convincing detail a Libyan offer that would funnel hundreds of millions of frozen Libyan dollars to the families they would in effect condone trials for the two wanted Libyans in a country other than the United

States or Britain.

Mr. Kreindler furned the deal down, saying that his clients considered it an outrage. He also expressed concern that offers of a deal with Libya could undercut his pending case against Pan Am.

The families I spoke to are determined to seek justice instead of pursuing will-o-the-wisp Libyan offers. Their anger at Washington insiders who see the Libyans as just another (wealthy) client to be represented or a diplomatic problem to be solved burns intently.
The families drive us nuts," a

senior U.S. official says. "But they are very effective and keep pushing us to bring the Libyans to justice. As upset as I get with them; I'm glad they are there." The bombing of Pan Am 103 was a crime against America as well as against these individual Americans.

the effect on society at large of crimes that are clear but go unpunished. Now so should the rest of us: The Washington Past.

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### When America's Politics Gets Nasty

WASHINGTON — This past week-end, my colleague David Von Drehle reported the reflections of the Ar-kansas friends of Vincent Foster Ir., President Bill Clinton's deputy counsel who apparently committed suicide. It was a might have pushed Mr. Foster to make

"the only bad decision of his life." Mr. Foster's friends were not looking for glib explanations of the intensely private despair that pushes a person to take his own life. Rather, they were asking a priorquestion: Why has politics become such a nasty and often inhuman business?

It's a good question, even though meanness in politics is no recent innovation. Matters have worsened. The polls show that Americans trust people in public life much less than they did 30 years ago. Campaigns have always been rough, but politics now rons to permanent invec-

tive, in season and out. The politics of pastiness has no single source, but it is rooted in the fact that the country is passing through a series of crises for which neither the politicians nor the idea mayens on whom they rely have satisfactory answers.

No one, for example, fully understands how to deal with the global economy's impact on living standards. Nor is it clear what steps would genuinely transform the lives and aspirations of inner-city kids growing up in the midst of violence, family breakdown and joblessness.

One could multiply these examples, but failures, factory closings. But if it's not the point is that politicians are in a bad your calamity, you can write off these

By E. J. Dionne

spot when it comes to promising what they usually have to promise; that they will cure whatever alls us. The late Sam moving article that kept coming back to Ervin once said that when both the evi-the search for what it was about Washing deace and the facts are against lawyers. dence and the facts are against lawyers, ton and the American style of politics that they pound the table. When the answers escape politicians, they pound each other, what one person who knew him well called often viciously,

It is easier to call Bill Clinton and Ted Kennedy (or George Bush and Newt Gingrich) scoundrels or worse than to admit that the problems at hand are hard to solve and that it will require a lot of experimentation - and, yes, some public money down the drain - to come up with their aides absolutely never, ever act from even partial answers.

When politicians are not assailing each

other, they feel obligated to duck and evade — which deepens the cymcism that feeds the nastiness. Republicans don't really want to argue strenuously that they oppose raising taxes on the wealthy, so they pretend there is an easy way to balance the budget. Democrats don't want to say that some of their social programs will and center. Their problem lies not in fail or have unintended consequences or fighting their opponents but in demoniz-deal with only part of a problem. So they ing them. Your adversary can't simply be oversell, overpromise - and disappoint.

Voters encourage this behavior when they tell pollsters that half of what the government spends is wasted. This view puts voters in the convenient position where they can demand that government do more and tax less at the same time. Government is always asked to clean up after calamities — floods, hurricanes, bank

activities with epithers like "giveaways,"
"hailouts" and "bloated government."
There is another difficulty that may

especially affect those of us in journalism. It might be called the naïvete of tough-

It is obviously naive to think that politicians are motivated only by the public good and never, ever think of things like re-election, higher office and, in some cases, their own pocketbooks. There are a lot of opportunists out there, and the grabby quest for campaign contributions that the American system requires can make even the most honest pols bend.

But it is equally naive (although much more popular) to think that politicians or motives higher than the crass and the selfish. Many of the conflicts in politics are explained not by corruption or even by stupidity but rather by genuine differences of opinion over - it's strange to say, I know — what is the right thing to do.

The vicious cycle is completed by some

of the best people in politics: the philo-sophically committed activists left, right wrong; he or she has to be a baby-killer or a woman-hater or a racist or a "quota queen." Name-calling is especially widesoread on emotive issues like abortion. affirmative action and gay rights. But it also seeps into the more quotidian matters of taxes, spending, trade and health care. The issue here is not that politics

should be "nicer." Nor is there any way around the sort of fierce but necessary scrutiny of matters such as the problems



with the White House travel office or the president's appointees that seemed to so dispirit Vincent Foster. But at some point, one has to ask whether the nastiness of public life is undermining the very capacity for self-government - whether

along with the Muslims. Croatia

also has taken in more than

200,000 Bosnian exiles, the major-

rity of Bosnia against Serbian ag-

gression through the Croatian De-

fense Council forces when no

Bosnian army existed. Croats were

the first to sign the Vance-Owen

peace plan, while Serbs rejected it

Regarding "Mideast: All Stand to

Shibley Telhami lists Libya's au-

thorized pilgrimage by private citi-

zens to Jerusalem as a symptom of

improvement. That pilgrimage turned out to be a calculated plat-

P. RAJIC.

and Muslims signed reluctantly.

No Change of Heart

Gain" (Opinion, June 14):

ity of whom are Muslim.

the toll being exacted falls not only on individuals but also on the ability to reason together, which is what republican government is supposed to be about

The B'ashington Post

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### The Missing Link: Marker for Compassion Gene

Regarding "Science Ought to Stay Out of the Gay-Rights Fight" (Opinion, July 24) by Charles

Mr. Krauthammer points out that science produces facts that

are ambivalent at best. He includes the question: Does science "tell us anything at all about how society ought to treat diabetics, alcoholics and schizophrenics?"

No. science doesn't tell us that, but what distinguishes human beings from computers and beasts is

our capacity for compassion.
Diabetics, alcoholics, schizophrenics and homosexuals are human beings, our brothers and sis-

#### French Barricades

Regarding "Bring Down Those New Bastille Walls" (Opinion, July 12) by John Vinocus-I disagree. No European country

has ever offered foreigners more opportunities than France. Out of hundreds of cases of immigrants who did well in France, just think of two Italians: Yves Montand and Pierre Cardin. But now it is impossible for France to absorb people from so many different cultures. France is entitled to defend its old national identity.

WALTER MACCOTTA. Rome.

Nowhere in the article does Mr. Vinocur mention France's large sors, all of whom vowed at the

ters, and we should love them. LEONARD NALENCZ.

Richmond upon Thames, England. Regarding "The Gay Gene: Rights Boon or Portent of Danger?" (July 19) by Natalie Angier:

The writer states that "liberals, who in the past dismissed a genetic explanation for such traits as intelligence, find themselves embracing the idea that sexual orientation is innate." I never met a liberal who rejected the idea that parents' genes had an influence on the IQ parameters of their offspring. Which liberals, and how far back in the past, did the writer have in mind?

RICHARD WILSON. Mobile, Alabama

unemployed population. With unemployment so high, it would be folly not to expel illegal immigrants. Furthermore, not only should France come down hard on illegal immigrants but it should also come down hard on those people who hire them.

PETER ADAMS.

#### Reform in Seoul Regarding "Kim the Reformer Is

(Opinion, July 10) by Donald Kirk: five-year term. In many respects, the new presi-dent of South Korea, Kim Young Sam, is different from his predeces-

ended up giving in.
First, Mr. Kim was born to an affluent family, in contrast with former Presidents Park Chung Hee, Chun Doo Hwan and Roh Woo, who came from impoverished backgrounds. Thus, as even his critics concede, Mr. Kim's political ambitions have not been

guided by a hunger for money. Second, he has been a lifelong democrat struggling for democracy in South Korea. His predecessors, each of whom had a military background, came to power by military means. Some foreign analysts, includ-ing Mr. Kirk, express concern

about the possibility of a coup by disgruntled groups. But since he became president Mr. Kim has weeded out generals found to have been corrupt. The key military commanders in South Korea today are those who were excluded from the inner circle of previ-ous regimes. Ordinary soldiers. the grass roots of the army, are esed with Mr. Kim's moves. A handful of interest groups are certainly dissatisfied with his drive for reform, but recent opinion polls indicate that more than 90 percent of South Koreans support him. The anti-corruption drive also is designed, in the long run, to help develop a healthy business environment free of red tape. The question is how much

> YANG DONG CHIL, Ambassador to Senegal. Dakar.

#### outset to root out corruption but Kurils: Yes, but . . .

lands" (July 9) by Steven Bruil:

Few would question the fact that Kuril Islands should be returned to Japan, As Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa told President Boris Yeltsin: "Complete normalization of Japanese-Russian bilateral relations would open up great prospects for necessary cooperation, not only bilaterally but also for cooperation

But this land-for-money deal is related to World War II. During that period Japan committed war crimes all over Asia. Nazi Germany did the same in Europe. The difference is that the Germans apologized to the world for what they did. Return the land to Japan. Get aid from Japan. But if Japan is eager to improve cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region, obtain something more: Official apologies to the Asian men and women whose parents were murdered, tor-tured, raped and exterminated by

These official apologies would not hurt the Japanese people's feelings, as many Japanese are fully aware of what was done during that period, and of who was responsible for it.

PASCAL DAUMAS.

The obvious intent of the editorial "Secure the 'Safe Areas' (June

Regarding "Russia Agrees to Talk With Japan About Kuril Is-

in the Asia-Pacific region."

the Japanese Imperial Army.

[4] is to put the blame on Crostia and the Croats of Bosnia for the

#### BOOKS

#### GREENWICH VILLAGE: Culture and Countercul-

Edited by Rick Beard and Leslie Berlowitz. 420 pages. \$29.95. Rudgers University Press. Reviewed by

Jonathan Yardley

THE Manhattan neighborhood known as Greenwich Village, George Chauncey writes in an essay on homosexual life there, over the years "came to represent to the rest of the city what New York as a the nation: a peculiar social territory in which the normal social constraints on behavior seemed to have been suspended and where men and women built unconventional lives outside the family nex-

The Village has been home to visionaries and poets, radicals and eccentries, not to mention frauds,

By Alan Truscott

THERE were some major surprises in the European Cham-pionships, sponsored by Generali, an Italian insurer, which ended last

month in Menton, France. It was not surprising that Poland won the

open title, but neither France, the

reigning Olympiad champions, nor Iceland, the reigning Bermuda Bowl champions, did well enough. A minor consolation for the French

was that one of their players, Mi-chel Lebel, played one of the best

hands of the championships. On the diagramed deal, played against

Slovenia, he played in three no-

trump after a Jacoby transfer re-

sponse by his partner, showing The diamond opening lead, us-

ing a lifth-best style, was ducked in dummy and South dropped the

nine under East's queen. East

feared that South held the diamond jack and shifted to a heart, a timid

decision that proved fatal. South

finessed the heart queen, losing to

the king, and West had lost a cru-

cial entry. He reverted to diamonds

and South ducked again in dommy.

East won with the king and

played a third round of diamonds to the acc. This established two

the editors of this useful if incom-

tors know, the Village is also a place of considerable physical charm. Centered on Washington Square, it has managed to retain a relatively low akyline by contrast with those immediately to its north and couth thereby achieving archiand south, thereby achieving archi-tectural and aesthetic as well as cultural difference. For tourists it is an obligatory stop, offering as it does a glimpse of the bohemian life, some of them return to set up their own lives as Villagers, in the process reinforcing the truism that it is to outsiders rather than to native New Yorkers that the Village has always most powerfully

An important and interesting question about the Village, one that is addressed only glancingly in these essays and photographs, is

winners in the West hand and was

a stunning play. On the third dia-mond lead he discarded his heart ace. He continued by leading the heart ten from the dimmy, driving

out the jack, and scored the rest of

the tricks easily. Dummy's hearts

were established and the club ace

was available as an entry.

In the replay the French defenders led diamonds at every opportu-

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concertunists and cheats; it is, as whether the bohemian atmosphere for which the Village has so long plete volume write, "one of the been celebrated, or notorious, is anything more than mere atmo-sphere. Is the Village a place where world's most noted centers of difserious art and writing are accom-plished, as well as serious political As both New Yorkers and visiand social action, or is it just a place where going through the mo-tions of bobemia and cashing in on

their tourist appeal are of greater consequence than the art upon which its reputation rests?

Although these essays describe at length the intellectual history of authors would have us believe.

or artistic than sexual," a judgment that this volume does little to refute. Certainly there have been writers, artists and others who have boyance and self-promotion than apparently good enough to beat the contract. But Lebel was ready with

Jane Heap, Elsa von Freytag-Loringhoven, Guido Bruno, Clara
Tice, Romany Marie, Tiny Tim,
Julian Beck and Judith Malina.

There are more stories to be told

Most of them are deservedly devoted; these endeavors ranged from presiding over salons to inventing cults to serving as major (or The Washington Post.

majorette) domos of bars and restaurants, but they had in common a preoccupation with promoting the names and fortunes of the entrepreneurs in question rather than

and/or infinence In fact, as a number of these essays indicate, artistic activity both actual and bogus is a relative ly minor part of the Village's past. Readers unfamiliar with the history of New York City are likely to find more of interest in essays about the Village's distant past than those contain a great deal of evidence to indicate that it has contributed as granted a few glimpses of a "sleepy country town" that evolved over into "a nopular resort for the years into "a popular resort for H. L. Mencken inclined to the fashionable day-trippers" and then view that "the Village, like the Paris into the "Old New York" celebrated Bank, was much less literary ed and mourned in the fiction of Henry James and Edith Wharton.

Pew vestiges of that era remain apart from the houses along the northern border of Washington managed to reside in the Village Square, the Village bears virtually and do serious work as well—e.e. no resemblance to the place that cummings. John Sloan, Theodore James and Wharton knew. Yet if its Dreiser, Emma Goldman - but all residents have changed, it is still too many of those whose names primarily a residential place. As have become synonymous with the one of these essayists points out, it Village are more noted for flam- has never had an industrial base; its commercial base, though broad, is also shallow. Thus its economy and Thus it is that any history of the Village, this one included, is populated by the likes of Mable Dodge, are these days a considerably more

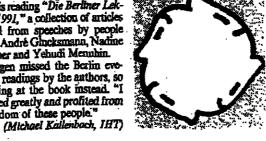
There are more stories to be told about Greenwich Village than are long forgomen, having made no to be found here, but within its marks more lasting than the limits this is an informative, inter-ephemera to which their lives were esting book.

Jonathan Yardley is on the staff of

#### WHAT THEY BE READING

• Eberhard Diepgen, mayor of Berlin, is reading "Die Berliner Lektionen 1991," a collection of articles adapted from speeches by people such as André Gincksmann, Nadine Gordiner and Yehudi Menuhin.

Diepgen missed the Berlin evening of readings by the authors, so is looking at the book instead. "I benefited greatly and profited from the wisdom of these people."



#### war in Bosnia. First of all, the form from which to attack Israel Croats of Bosnia did not reject the and Saudi Arabia, to the deep em-Bosnian government's declaration barrassment of the Israeli governof independence more than a year ago but rather participated in it

TESSA L. AUMAN. Jerusalem.

#### Saint-Exupéry's Math

In response to "350 Years Later, The Croats of Bosnia were the first to defend the territorial integ-Math Conundrum Bites the Dust

> Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, the famous French writer, was a fan of mathematics. In April 1943, a few months before being downed over the Mediterranean, he had lunch with me in an Algiers bistro. Knowing my training in math, he wanted to show me that he had solved the Fermat riddle. He started writing a series of equations on a paper napkin. Unfortunately, I had to stop him halfway: There was a mistake in his calculations. My own mistake was not to have kept the paper napkin with its pre-

> > ISIA LEVIANT.

#### Spreading It Around In the Sweaty Family

By Ron Nyswaner

Paramount Pictures decided to do something quite nice for several people connected to its new film "The Firm." The studio bought new \$100,000 Mercedes-Benz 500 SL convertible twoseaters for the filmmakers and star. "The attempt is to make this a warmer and more human place. where people feel part of a fam-Paramouni Chairwoman Sherry | Lansing said. —The New York Times, July 12

N EW YORK — The other morning, I stopped into Bridget's Press and Go to pick up my dry cleaning. The air conditioner was down, the place smelled like formaldehyde. Sweat covered Bridget's forehead as she heaved my clothes off the motorized rack. I could see she was working hard, really hard.

I felt something. Gratitude, guilt. I decided their and there, I

#### MEANWHILE had to let Bridget know she was

appreciated.
"That's \$35," she said, holding out a hand muscled from years of tying hangers together with twisty-ties. It occurred to me that Bridget was merely doing her job and being well paid for it. Wasn t that appreciation enough?

"We fixed the hem of your trousers." she said, "No charge," There it was: She had gone the extra mile. Strangers do only what they have to do, but Bridget had done more than I had asked. the way your family is supposed

to do more than is required. I realized, Bridget was family. "Take my Rolex," I said. "What?" She was confused. But I wasn't. I was opening my arms to a member of my extended family. It was a small gesture but one that would turn the sweltering dry cleaning shop into a warmer, more human place. "I want you to know I appreciate what you've done," I said.

Bridget seemed moved but she didn't take the watch. "Mr. Nyswaner ... " she began.
"Please," I interrupted. "Call me Ron. No. call me Ronnie Lee." It's what my mother had called me until my 13th birthday. I'd always hated the name. but hatred is also a family feeling. "You're working so hard. Bridget I insist."

"I'm not working that hard," she said. "Not as hard as Tim." She pointed to a young man on a ladder, his head swallowed up by the silent, 20,000 Btu air-conditioning unit. His uniform was soaked through with sweat. He

was working very hard. Lisually, I've got air-con-ditioning. Bridget continued. "even when it's 105. But think of Tim. He never gets to work in airconditioning, since it's his job to

fix the air conditioner." She had a point. "Tim?" "Huh?" echoed from the unit-"I want you to take this." I held out the \$300 watch, "Because you work so hard, and I want you to

know I appreciate it." "Wait a minute, damn it ... Tim's sleeve was caught on a Fre-on tube. So I returned my attention to Bridger, still concerned about showing my appreciation for the repaired hem. I handed over the keys to my truck.

"It's red." I said, apologetically, "But if you don't like red, I'll pay to have it repainted. Your spouse can choose the color."

At that moment, Bridget's spouse. Irving, backed away from a press. His face beet-red. I could see that Irving was working hard. "Does it have a driver's side airbag?" Irving asked, Finally.

someone was getting into the family spirit! Just then Armand, my plumber, stepped into the shop to pick up his head-to-toe protective jumper that filters out the asbestos fibers floating around my crawl space. Here I was drawing Bridget and Irving and Tim into my family, and I had completely forgotten Armand! It was one of

those awkward moments. I'll never forget the look on Armand's face when I handed

over the deed to my house. Later, standing on the highway holding my dry cleaning, homeless, without a vehicle. I reflected with satisfaction on my new, extended family. The sun was beating down as I stuck out my thumb to hitchhike to God knows where, but at least I was finally beginning to feel warm and hu-man. Really, really warm.

Mr. Nyswaner, screenwriter of the forthcoming film "Philadel-phia," contributed this tale to The New York Times.

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### Rain Forests: Destruction Is Not New

By Carol Kaesuk Yoon

UERTO VIEJO DE SARAPIQUI, Costa Rica - For decades, La Selva, a lush dripping jungle filled with towering trees and swinging vines, has served as the quintessential example of the pristine rain forest, untouched and unchanged for millennia. But scientists who have begun to look more closely into the history of the world's rain forests say they are finding clues that this one and others like it are not the stable museums of biodiversity they were thought to be.

In the very forests biologists have long prized as pristine, por shards and the remnants of ancient crop fields are now turning up. And ecologists say they are being forced to reformulate their ideas about how the world's rain forests came to be and how best to manage

While ecologists have known for some time that many rain forests have been inhabited by humans and that these wet jungles can be burned, the idea has lived on that somewhere there remained the forest primeval, a wood that has never felt the heat of a fire or the blade of an ax. Most thought La Selva was such a place. And in such places presumed to be truly natural, tropical ecologists have carefully constructed the science of what makes these habitats tick. But now they say all this must be reconsidered.

"This is really a grand conceptual change for ecologists from the idea that tropical rain forests are stately, stable cathedrals to recog-nizing how much they change at all different kinds of scales of time." said Dr. Deborah Clark, who shares the position of station director at the La Selva Biological Station with her husband, Dr. David Clark. "There is no such thing as virginity out there."

HOUGH the view of a pristine tropics has fallen. ecologists say the new studies are encouraging, because they suggest that rain for-ests are more resilient than scientists had thought. It seems they can fecover well from some kinds of numan disturbance. At the same lime, scientists say recent studies show that after seemingly severe hatural disturbances the forest can

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spring back much more quickly than expected.

Ecologists will be announcing the new studies at the annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America, which begins on Saturday in Madison, Wisconsin. Meanwhile, for the first time researchers are trying to pull together the big picture on the workings of this messy and compli-cated habitat. A new book entitled "La Selva: Ecology and Natural History of a Neotropical Rainfor-est" (University of Chicago Press), edited by Dr. Lucinda McDade and her colleagues, is scheduled to be published this fall.

Dr. Buck Sanford and his col-leagues, have provided the first data indicating that La Selva's "virgin" forest was once burned and cultivated. Dr. Sanford said the rain forest appears to have been used for slash-and-burn agricul-ture, with charcoals found in the soil radiocarbon-dated at 2,000 and 1,200 years old. Researchers have found an old stone hearth. burial sites and tools indicating that when farmers were working this forest around A. D. 800, they were raising yucca and corn.

Dr. Mark Bush, a paleoecologist at Duke University, said La Selva's history is far from unique. He has found evidence that over the last thousands of years, humans have been burning forests to farm them throughout the New World tropics. Sifting through cores pulled from deep in ancient lake beds, Dr. Bush and colleagues have found corn pollen along with charcoal signa-tures in mud 300 to 6,000 years old. The researchers have found the evidence in the Darien Gap, as well as other forests in Panama, and along the Amazon River.

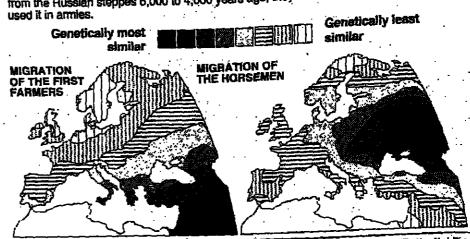
"In the Darien Gap forest we thought we'd see a long history of no change," Dr. Bush said. "The forests look wonderful, bigger trees than you see here in La Seiva, capybara everywhere, king vultures every-where. It just looked really pristine. But sure enough 4,000 years ago there was maize cultivation."

Moreover, said Dr. Sanford, an ecologist at the University of Denver, the story appears to be the same all over the world. "Almost everywhere we go in Latin America, and Asia and Africa, we find charcoal buried in the soil. People have in one way or another cut and burned almost every place in the tropics."



**Overlapping Migrations Into Europe** 

Dr. Luigi Luca Cavalli-Sforza has devised maps based on multiple blood and gene markers to depict ancient migrations into Europe. The top map traces a migration out of Anatolia starting about 10,000 years ago. The people, the first farmers, gradually replaced indigenous European hunter-gatherers. The second map traces a movement of people from the Russian steppes 6,000 to 4,000 years ago; they had domesticated the horse and used it in armies.



### Human Genes Give Clues to Ancient Migrations

By Louise Levathes

EW YORK - The genes of modern populations carry the encoded history of humans remote past and their early wanderings around the globe. Deciphering that history has been the preoccupation of population geneticists for a century, but key pieces of information have begun to fall quickly into place only in the last 10 years, since the advent of rapid methods for working out the chemical sequences of

Standing in the midst of this giant jigsaw puzzle is a soft-spoken, Italian-born scientist with the mind of a mathematician and the interests of a philosopher: Dr. Luigi Luca Cavalli-Sforza. Perhaps more than anyone else in his field, Dr. Cavalli-Sforza. a 71-year-old geneucs professor at Stanford University Medical School, has been able to make sense of the whisperings of human ancestors that are recorded in the

Alberto Piazza, will be bringing out a book that has taken 12 years to produce: a genetic atlas called "The History and Geography of Human Genes," to be published by Princeton University Press. The authors are also the movers behind the Human Genome Diversity Project, an ambitious effort to arrange for the collection of DNA samples and authropological information from 25 individuals in each of 400 targeted populations around the world.

It will be the first time such information has been systematically collected from so many populations and should allow geneti-cists to reconstruct the history of the

The story emerging from Dr. Cavalli-Slorza's studies, as reported in a recent issue of the journal Science, confirms and extends the findings from other fields of inquiry into human origins. The genetic studies bear witness to two major phases of human expansion: the first was the movement of Homo erectus out of Africa one million to two million years ago; the sec-ond was the spread of Homo sapiens around the globe, beginning 100.000 years ago and reaching every continent 60,000

genes of present-day people. His graphic maps make evident at a glance the patterns of ancient migrations, and they hint at some of the events that may have prompted them.

Next year. Dr. Cavalli-Sforza and two co-authors, Dr. Paolo Menozzi and Dr. Alberto Piazza, will be bringing out a book

up financing from the National Science inherited solely through the mother's line, inherited solely through the mother's lin mon about 55,000 to 60,000 years ago, supported the spread of populations into every continent, even Australia. After this primary phase, local expansion patterns survivors are believed to be the Basques, survivors are believed to be the Basques, but the believed to be the Basques, and their sole direct primary phase.

> By analyzing patterns of geographic variation of genes and their relative impor-tance. Dr. Cavalli-Sforza has identified tance, Dr. Cavalli-Sforza has identified ory of Dr. Manija Gimbutas, of the Universeveral strong patterns of expansion in sity of California at Los Angeles, that between In general in characters are a second or california at Los Angeles, that between In general in characters are a second or california at Los Angeles, that between In general in characters are a second or california at Los Angeles, that between In general in characters are a second or california at Los Angeles, that between In general in characters are a second or california at Los Angeles, that between In general in characters are a second or california at Los Angeles, that between In general in characters are a second or california at Los Angeles, that between In general in characters are a second or california at Los Angeles, that between Inc. several strong patterns of expansion in Europe. In general, in choosing contemporary populations to study, he has concentrated on aboriginal people who were in place before the great age of European several southwest Russian steppes, where the colonial expansion in the late 15th and 16th centuries and has avoided modern cities, where the recent interminging of which is the common mother tongue from which is the common mother tongue from

become more complex and more difficult who are genetically and linguistically far to decipher, he says.

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Dr. Cavalli-Sforza's work has also given a

genetic foundation for a controversial theworld's populations in detail.

Because the genetic makeup of African
In the United States, the Human Genome Diversity Project has received start-

## Global Warming? Satellite Data Don't Back Theory

By Boyce Rensberger Washington Post Service

ASHINGTON - If there has been a planetwide warming trend over the last decade and a half - a claim repeated so often in recent years that many assume it is an established fact — it ought to have shown up by now in the 15 years of temperature readings taken by a network of Earth-

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So said James Hansen, the Goddard Institute for Space Studies scientist who alarmed the world in the late 1980s with his assertion that Earth's atmosphere had been warming since the mid-1970scaused by growing concentrations of carbon dioxide in the air, which trap heat that otherwise would radiate into space. Dr. Hansen bolstered his case with a chart showing that after 35 years of fairly steady temperatures, surface thermometer readings around the world were suddenly showing a warming trend.

Yet no sign of such warming has shown up in the satellite data. 'We've had total satellite coverage of the Earth since 1979, and we

sure don't see it," said John Christy, of the University of Alabama at For the last few years Dr. Christy and Roy Spencer of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, also in Huntsville, have been processing data collected by satellites operated

by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Spencer update their analysis, issu--- fleeted some sunlight back into g the planetary equivalent of a fever chart. Their latest report shows that in June, as in the 19 previous months, the average global temperature was cooler than the

average for the previous decade. More significantly, instead of a global warming trend, the satellite data show no clear pattern.

Dr. Christy said the warmer intervals coincide with El Niño - the mysterious, periodic phenomenon in which the surface waters of the South Pacific become warmer than usual. Because heat from ocean

drives many weather phenomena, this warming sets off major weather shifts around the planet. El Niño appeared in 1983, recurred in 1987 through early 1988 and returned for a prolonged stay in 1990 and

At the same time, however, Mount Pinatubo erupted in the Philippines in June 1991 and soon reversed El Niño's effect. It spewed tiny droplets of sulfuric acid into the upper atmosphere, where they weenually spread to cover much of Each month Dr. Christy and Dr. space, they caused a global cooling. Overall, Dr. Christy said, there has

been no apparent warming trend.

R. Hansen's more widely reported data show similar fluctuations from year to year. But, he said, they indicate a clear warming trend that reached record high temperatures in the late 1980s be-

fore Pinambo chilled the air. show the lower atmosphere's average temperature rose by about a

quarter of a degree Fahrenheit in line surface of Earth several times a that time.

Why the difference? "Our data," Dr. Christy said. "come from satellite readings taken over the entire globe. Their data come from thermometers, mostly

in industrial areas.". The older method relies on conventional thermometers at weather stations around the world, most at airports and in cities in the industrialized world, plus scattered readings in Third World regions and aboard ships at sea. At some stations, read-ings have been taken regislarly for more than a century. Because the readings are taken just a few feet off the ground, they are relevant to

what most living things feel.

A major drawback is that many of the thermometers are in "heat islands" - places that have been artificially warmed by the growth of pavement and cities. Dr. Christy argues that this effect creates the appearance of a warming trend. Dr. Hansen said the heat island effect is understood and that thermometer readings are routinely lowered a our-

tain amount to correct for it.

day and record the intensity of microwave radiation that comes naturally from oxygen molecules in the bottommost four miles of the atmosphere. The warmer the oxygen, the more intense the radiation. A major advantage of this method is that it monitors the whole planet evenly. Disadvantages are that the read-

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ings go back only to 1979 and that instead of measuring the temperature near the ground, it reads an average for the bottommost four vant to life on the ground, though perhaps more relevant to cloud fortion, which cools the Surface the daytime and warms it at night. - Moreover, Dr. Hansen points

out, the satellite microwave readings can be thrown off by water droplets and other particles in the air that interfere with the microwaves' path to the satellite detec-

Nonetheless, "if there's a greenhouse warming," Dr. Hansen said, "it should be visible in their data. The fact that it isn't tells me there's The newer method uses a series of something wrong with their data.

Peather satellites that scan the en-

### Historic Spanish Fort Sited in Florida

By John Noble Wilford New York Times Service

fort in St. Augustine, Florida, and are confident that this establishes for the first time the exact site where the Spanish planted the earliest permanent European settlement in what is now the

Excavations this summer have artifacts of a structure that archaeologists say was almost certainly the first fort built by Pedro Menéndez de Aviles in 1565. He arrived that year with 1,500 soldiers and settlers to found the Spanish colony he called St. Augustine, decades before the English established the Virginia Colony at Jamestown in 1607 and the Pilgrims on the May-flower landed at Plymouth Rock in

"This is the original landing site. sort of the Plymouth Rock of Spanish Florida." Dr. Kathleen Deagan, an archaeologist at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville and director of the excava-

Dr. Deagan said she was not sure if these are the remains of the first soil filling in the former most are Menendez fort or of one built soon numerous Spanish and Indian ma- a French settlement near present-

original settlement and associated fort complex of St. Augustine."

Researchers have been searching ogists have found buried for the Menendez forts for more than 60 years. Historians examining colonial documents had determined that the most likely site was slightly north of the Castillo, a 17th-century Spanish fort that stands today on the St. Augustine waterfront. They thought it might be found on the grounds of what is now the Fountain of Youth Park, exposed part of the moat and other or near an adjacent Roman Catho-

> And there on the grounds of the shrine of Nuestra Señora de la Leche, which honors motherhood and breast-feeding with a statue of Mary nursing the infant Jesus, is just where Dr. Deagan found the evidence for the 16th-century fort. In three weeks of digging this month, Dr. Deagan and a team from the University of Florida. where she is also a professor of anthropology, discovered what the researchers said could only be the remains of a moat. Changes in the coloration and texture of the soil marked the most's dimensions at 14 feet wide and 3 feet deep (about 4 meters by 1). The length has not been determined. Mixed with the

part of the palisade.

loth-century Spanish artifacts, in-cluding traces of houses and the ruins of a well lined with wooden barrels in a style that could only be coming convinced that this was the original 1565 campsite. But Dr. Deagan said that until now there was "nothing we could definitely say was a fort."

HE Spanish secured a foothold at St. Augustine only after half a century of exploration of the Florida la and abortive attempts at colonization. Juan Ponce de Leon, looking for the fabled Fountain of Youth, made the first recorded Spanish landing in 1513. It was probably at Melbourne Beach south of Cape Canaveral. Other explorers, including Hernando de Soto, traversed the peninsula looking for gold. Finding none, they moved on. An earlier settlement at Pensacola Bay failed in part because of a devastating hurricane. When Menendez reached St. Au-

gustine in 1565, his immediate orders were to destroy Fort Caroline,

afterward. But "we feel confident terials from the 16th century. Soil day Jacksonville that had been that we have now finally located the stains reveal where a row of wood- started three years before as a chalen posts once stood, presumably lenge to Spanish designs. After he art of the palisade. made an inconsequential raid on Other excavations around this the fort, the French fleet appeared site in recent years had turned up off St. Augustine to retaliate, but was swept away by a storm and are Daytona Beach and Cape Canaveral. Men endez wiped out the

> With the French out of the way, the only obstacle to the Spanish colony would be the Seloy tribe of the Timucuan nation. At first, relations were amicable. The Selov chief let the Spanish use his long house, a large oval or circular structure with thatch roof that could accommodate up to 300 people

The Spanish proceeded to fortify the long house, called a bujio, digging a most around it, throwing up a breastwork of earth and execting a wooden palisade. In seven months the Indians turned on the Spanish and burned the long-house fort. The fort was rebuilt, and when a relief fleet arrived in the summer of 1566, a more substantial triangular fort was constructed on or near the site of the original fort. That, too, was destroyed, in a troop mutiny in 1570.

It was then that the settlement was moved less than a mile south to the present site of downtown St.

### Embattled Fossil Dealer Keeps on Digging

EW YORK - Undaunted by a year of FBI raids, subpoenas, the prospect of federal indictments, pressure from half a dozen government agencies and uneven support from academic paleontologists, a South Dakota fossil dealer is still digging for dinosaurs and has just bagged a new

Tyrannosaurus rex, its third in two years. Robert Farrar, an officer of the beleaguered Black Hills Institute of Geological Research of Hill City, South Dakota, a commercial dealer in fossils, declined to disclose the site in northwest South Dakota where the new tyrannosaur had been found, but he said the skeleton appeared to be fairly complete. But discovery and excavation are the least of the Black Hills Institute's problems. The resolution of its most pressing problem — a battle with the federal govern-ment over custody of its fossils — will have

important consequences for academic paleontologists, museums and amateur fossil hunters as well as commercial dealers. A welter of ambiguous and sometimes conflicting laws and rules on collecting fossils has often placed professional paleontologists and amateurs in relationships of questionable legality. New rulings on the Black Hills case could settle some of

The Black Hills company gained national at-tention last year when a platoon of FBI agents and National Guardsmen raided its Hill City workshop and seized its best specimen, the most complete tyrannosaur fossil ever discovered.

That dinosaur, nicknamed "See" after her discoverer. See Hendrickson, was excavated by the company in 1990 from the property of a Cheyenne River Sioux Indian, who was paid

lawyers argue that the land was not private property but tribal land. The federal government holds it in trust and it is exempt from taxes, so it cannot be exploited for fossils without the prior consent of various federal agencies, the department says.

The FBI crated Sue's bones and shipped them to the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota, where they have been stored under a federal seal ever since. In a series of court tests, experts testifying for Black Hills have argued that long-term storage at the school will damage the bones, while experts testifying for the prosecution contend that the bones are safe.

Earlier this year, Federal District Judge Richard H. Battey ruled against the institute in its effort to regain custody of Sue, but that case 55,000 by Black Hills, But the Justice Departison appeal, and a federal grand jury is consid-ment contends that the deal was illegal its cring whether to bring charges.

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an operating loss of \$50 million.
"I'm not sure we have seen the

bottom there yet," said Harold Pol-

ing, Ford's chairman and chief ex-

ecutive. "European industry car

and truck sales in 1993 are projected at about 12.4 million units,

down 17 percent from last year."

Mr. McCammon said the com-

pany had substantially completed cutting 13,000 of 98,000 European

jobs but did not rule out further

reductions, depending on how the

Overall international carnings in

the second quarter were \$28 million

because of profits in Latin Ameri-

ca. Canada and the Pacific Rim

Excluding a special accounting charge, Chrysler's first-half earnings of \$1.8 billion would have

Chrysler's second-quarter sales

were \$11.03 billion, up 18 percent

from the same period last year. Ford, meanwhile, reported total

second-quarter sales of \$29.4 bil-

lion, up 9.7 percent from last year.

"We made significant strides overall in the quarter," said Chrys-

ler Chairman Robert Eaton, "but a

good deal of work still needs to be done to recover costs associated.

with meeting government regula-

tions and increases in health-care.

"The big picture is that right now, they're benefiting from nor-being in Europe," Ford's Mr.

McCammon said of Chrysler. "I'd"

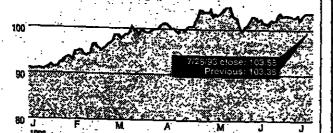
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#### INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

#### In Office Computer Wars, Management Strikes Back

By Allen R. Myerson New York Times Service

EW YORK - The personal-computer revolution was supposed to transform the office into a high-tech, highefficiency web of concentration. And maybe it has. But to an electr games, bulletin boards and electronic message systems are creating countless new ways to goof off.

Industry executives estimate that millions of games infiltrate offices each year, despite widespread rules against illicit software or

unanthorized computer use. The personal-computer industry, after all, was created by young firebrands who wanted to liberare office computers from bu- that lets them read executives still say games are employees' screens. harmless and can even be train-

Bosses have software

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ing tools. But many a tolerant boss has turned tougher. Richard A. Shaffer, chief of Technologic Partners, mounted a counterattack a few years ago against the advance of Tetris and Armor Alley, telling his staff that the deadlines for the 40 computer newsletters they produced

Should provide all the suspense they needed.

Game-playing withered. But jokes, movie reviews, party plans and other diversions filled the network until it crashed. Another staff meeting ensued.

When cyberbosses get angry, though, they're the ones with computing power on their side: software that lets them explore employees' hard disks, read messages they've sent, even see what's

The Software Publishers Association, which wants to curb pira cy, encourages them to sneak around after hours with a program that can find games. "It kind of surprises management," said Hene Rosenthal, the association's general counsel. "They don't know that

all these games are on the hard drives of employees."

EDS, the data-services concern that was founded but is no longer owned by Ross Perot, deploys a wide array of psychological and electronic weapoury. Data-security coordinators scour workers. computers. The company encourages anonymous tattling, "When someone's sitting playing a game, the other employees are prety angry," said Todd Carlson, chief of computer operations. "In some cases they go to managers. In other cases they call our hotline."

Still, some bosses think that's not enough. Thomas R. Peltier,

who wrote computer rules for General Motors and EDS and is now a consultant, once worked with a security officer from a military base in Hawaii. The officer's tactic for ensuring that workers stuck to their programs? "I pack a gun," he said. "I put them in the brig."

### For EC Steel Firms, No Celebration **Deadline Approaches for Tough Decisions on Cuts**

By Tom Buerkle

BRUSSELS - For Europe's steel industry, Tuesday's U.S. suling rejecting duties on most imports was the easy part of its painful restructuring, removing a threat to some \$400 million a year in steel sales.

The going is about to get much harder. European Community ministers are racing against the clock to persuade state-owned steelmakers in Italy, Spain and the former East Germany to shutter plants and kick the babit of billions of dollars in government subsidies by next month. Only then will private-sector producers chip in and make big cuts themselves in capacity and jobs.

"It cannot make sense to support and subsidize inefficient producers at the expense of the efficient," Chairman Brian Moffat told shareholders at British Steel's annual meeting

But success in this effort is far from certain to come by the Community's self-imposed deadline at the end of September.

With steel-consuming industries such as autos and construction depressed and every major EC steelmaker running heavy losses, Brussels estimates that the steel industry needs to cut capacity by nearly 20 percent to restore its health. That means shedding at least 30 million tons of crude-steel capacity and putting more than 70,000 of its nearly 400,000 workers onto the streets. Inflicting that pain in the midst of a reces-

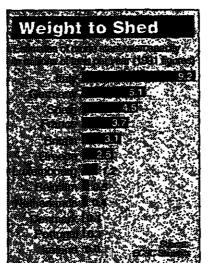
sion and finding ways to share cutback costs

million tons, very tough," said Barbara Haas, a steel analyst at Deutsche Bank Research in More than in most industries, she said,

of perhaps 8 billion European Currency Units (\$9.04 billion) will not be easy.

"It will be very tough to reach these 30

decisions on shutting huge steel plants reach far beyond profit-and-loss calculations, large though the numbers are. "In most cases, it's a



political and social problem as well," Ms. Haas said, as many of the steelworks are in "areas where there are no alternatives" for employment.

The EC Commission, however, itself has no alternative to the drastic cuts. The competition commissioner, Karel van Miert, has warned that failure to agree on a plan to shrink the state-owned steelmakers and their subsidies when EC industry ministers meet Sept. 21 could trigger a wild grab for govern-ment aid by ailing producers, public and private alike. In an industry that soaked up 125 billion Deutsche marks (\$72.6 billion) of public subsidies between 1975 and 1991, that is no idle threat.

Mr. van Miert last week persuaded the Italian government to drop a plan to absorb 4 billion Ecus of debt of the state-owned steelmaker Ilva, but Rome has not yet shown any willingness to cut Ilva's capacity by the 3 million tons, or nearly 30 percent, that Brus-sels is seeking. Mr. van Miert has given the government a month to draw up a new restructuring plan, but analysts say it may not come before October.

Mr. van Miert made no apparent progress toward toughening up Spain's restructuring plan in talks with Industry Minister Juan Miguel Eguiagaray on Wednesday. The Spanish plan would use subsidies of 600 billion peseras (\$4.34 billion) to cut 1.7 million

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### U.S. Companies to Appeal ITC Ruling Lifting Duties

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON - U.S. steelmakers expect to appeal unfavorable rulings in a long-running dispute with foreign competitors, raising the prospect of continued tensions with some of America's major trading partners. American steel executives announced their

intentions to appeal the decision late Tuesday after the U.S. International Trade Commission reached a divided conclusion in 74 complaints filed by American companies against overseas producers. In more than half the cases, the commission found no evidence of harm or threat to U.S. steelmakers, in effect lifting stiff temporary import taxes in several And while the European Community's vice

president for external economic affairs, Sir Leon Brittan, said the rulings that lift duties on some imports of steel "will help to defuse substantially what had become a very grave trade dispute," not everyone agreed. Steel-exporting countries expressed dismay at the fact that the U.S. rolings left taxes in place in a large minority of cases.

An official at Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry said of the U.S. decision: "We value that the ITC reversed its decision on hot-rolled and cold-rolled steel imports. But it's regrettable that they did not accept Japan's position on corrosive-resistant

In Germany, too, Economics Minister Günter Rexrodt said he was "disappointed" at the decision to maintain duties on certain types of steel imports. "The EC should take steps within the GATT framework to check whether the U.S. measures conform to GATT rules," Mr. Rexrodt said.

The Dutch steelmaker Hoogovens said it was considering appealing the duties on some of

its exports, while Australia, which was also hard-hit, called the decision unfair.

The ITC decision "is obviously a mixed result," said the chairman of Bethlehem Steel, Curtis H. Barnette, speaking on behalf of the industry. We "owe it to our stockholders and to our workers to use every legal means to obtain a fair result in those cases where we did not prevail," he said, adding, "This just isn't over yet."

U.S. producers say they have lost billions of dollars and tens of thousands of jobs in recent years because of cut-rate imports and unfair subsidies.

But the ITC — the final stop in the government's review of the complaints -- said 42 of the cases failed to show any harm or threat to the U.S. industry. That finding lifted the temporary duties in those cases, which must be repaid with interest.

#### Merck to Pay \$6 Billion For Health-Care Firm

Ford of Enrope. The British luxury prefer to be in Europe in the long carmaker Jaguar, which Ford pur-

Chrysler's Net

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Ford's Doubles

DETROIT - Ford Motor Co.

said Wednesday that its second-

quarter earnings had doubled,

while Chrysler Corp.'s after-tax

profit was nearly four times as high

as in the same period last year. Both Chrysler and Ford per-

formed better than Wall Street had

expected. The two companies have enjoyed record sales of light trucks

and minivans recently, reflecting

what analysts say is a pent-up de-

mand for new vehicles.

Ford earned \$775 million in the

second quarter, up from \$387 mil-

Chrysler reported earnings of \$685 million in the quarter, compared with \$178 million in the 1992

second quarter. The latest results

included one-time gains of \$71 million from the sale of Mitsubishi Motors Corp. stock and \$39 million from the sale of its Acustar

Wall Street analysts had estimat-

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U.S. automotive division and a re-

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Wall Street favorite and set several

sales records for its truck line in the

second quarter.
David McCammon, Ford's trea-

surer, said the quarter was its best

in four years despite a loss of \$75

million in recession-weakened

carmaker Jaguar, which Ford pur-

Ford cited higher profit in its

lion a year ago.

Plastics operations.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches RAHWAY, New Jersey -Merck & Co., the world's largest pharmaceutical company, said Wednesday it had agreed to buy Medco Containment Services Inc. a mail-order supplier of prescription drugs for large companies, for \$6 billion in cash and stock.

Merck and other pharmaceutical companies have seen profits squeezed recently by the greater scrutiny that insurers and healthcare providers are giving to precare proposal being drafted by the U.S. administration may take that scrutiny even further. Merck had revenue of \$9.7 bil-

lion last year. Medco, based in

Montvale, New Jersey, manages prescriptions for employer healthbenefit plans covering a total of 33 million Americans. "What Merck is buying is a dis-

ecutive said. "Does anybody analyst at A.G. Edwards & Sons Managed care refers to health

organizations in which patients are

was talking with various drug com-Warner-Lambert plans links with Wellcome and Glaxo. Page 11.

and clinics in an effort to hold

down the cost of medical care. Such

arrangements are growing in popularity, and Merck's purchase of

Medco represents an effort to enter that arena. Mr. Nover said. Their agreement followed an ac-

knowledgment by Medco that it

panies about some type of business relationship Medco's stock soared Wednesday in heavy over-the-counter trad-

ing. It closed the day at \$34.125 a share, up \$4.375, on very heavy volume. Merck closed down \$1.375 at \$30.75 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The transaction gives Medco holders a choice of receiving either \$39 in cash or 1.2) Merck shares for each Medco share, Merck said, on condition that the total it pays is 60 percent in Merck stock and 40

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(AP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

#### GM and VW Trade Insults in López Case hyptic turns of phrase, the chairman to further impugn Mr. López, who sonal campaign of revenge against noted that automakers worldwide has been accused by GM of pilfer. Dr. López and at the same time

By Rick Atkinson Washington Post Service

BERLIN - The bitter dispute hetween General Motors and Volkswagen over alleged industrial espionage crupted in public name-calling Wednesday as the two carmakers traded accusations and insults.

The Volkswagen board chair-ian, Ferdinand Piech, accused W's archrival GM of misusing the German justice system and conducting a vendetta against VW. "This is mudslinging and we will use every means available to come out as winners in the end," Mr. Piech declared in a nationally telerised news conference from VW's headquarters in Wolfsburg.

in language rich with martial metaphors and occasionally apoca- conference for Thursday morning GM/Opel group is leading a per- Mr. Lopez, "is a Spaniard."

By Erik Ipsen
emational Herald Tribune

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Analysts say the jury is still out on the merits of the demerger itself,

two companies will be evident.

A Tale of 2 Companies:

ICI, Zeneca Ready Results

LONDON — Imperial Chemithose props will not have been cal Industries PLC, which has undergone one of the most extensive ICT's operating profits. In the face

reorganizations in the European of a deep recession in the European chemical industry in recent years, chemical industry, ICI is expected

will reveal results on Thursday for to post operating profit of around the first time since the demerger of £150 million (\$223 million), comZeneca Group PLC, its pharma-

but the divergent fortunes of the first half, a rise of 23 percent.

centicals and agrochemicals arm, period in 1992.

selling 30 million. The enmity between GM and Volkswagen reflects this "survival struggle," he said. this "survival struggle," "To me, that's a form of war," Mr. Piech said. 'I don't see a peaceful end to this conflict.

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For Zeneca, the James Capel an-

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See ICI, Page 15

had the capacity to make 40 million ing secret company documents bevehicles annually but were only fore defecting to VW last March. tors, the media and the public in native Spain. Mr. Piech, an engineer whose

grandfather developed the famous Volkswagen Beetle, spent more than an hour defending his company, blasting the competition and Opel AG, which has filed a criminal complaint against VW's production chief, Jose Ignacio Lopez de Arriortna, returned the fire by de Arriortua, returned the fire by rejecting Mr. Pièch's charges as "without any substance" and accuring him of circles and accuring him of circles and accuring him of circles are the substance of planned to obtain confidential

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> Cash dividends declared Average common shares outstanding:

Mr. Piech added A GM executive, speaking on

condition that he not be identified, said that VW appeared to be trying to appeal to German pride by hinting that an American corporation was unfairly persecuting a homegrown company. Opel has operated in Germany for more than a century and employs some 50,000 work- tribution channel to managed ers, most of them German, the ex- care, said Kenneth Nover, a drug remember where Piech's passport was issued?" he added. "He's Austrian. And his No. 2," referring to plans such as health-maintenance

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### **Corporate Earnings** Depress Blue Chips

NEW YORK - Blue-chip stocks dropped on Wednesday, depressed by weak corporate earnings reports, but over-the-counter issues advanced and bond prices rallied. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 12.01 points, to 3,553.45, and declining issues on the New York

#### N.Y. Stocks

Stock Exchange outnumbered advancers by a small margin. But the Nasdaq over-the-counter index jumped 4.59 points, to 705.59. The 30-year Treasury bond rose 11/32, to 106 4/32, reducing its

yield to 6.65 percent from 6.67 percent late Tuesday. The impetus for the rally was a report that President Bill Clinton would consider using an executive order to restrain entitlement spending.
Investors regarded that as a tactic by the president to overcome

opposition by some conservative Democrats to his deficit-reduction plans. Hopes that Mr. Clinton would succeed in curbing the federat budget gap have been responsi-ble for a long raily in bond prices. The principal worry for the stock market was a flurry of mixed corporate earnings reports, said Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer

at First Albany Corp. Merck was the most-active New York Stock Exchange issue, down

1% to 30%. The company said it would buy Medco Containment Services, a supplier of prescription drugs. Medco, the most-active overthe-counter issue, surged 4% to 34%.

Chrysler was the second-most-active Big Board issue, down 2 to 42% although the automaker reported second-quarter earnings of \$1.86 a share, up from 54 cents a year ago.

Ford was up slightly after reportng second-quarter earnings of \$1.43 a share, up from 70 cents a year ago. General Motors, expected to release its results Thursday. was unchanged at 47.

NWNL was the third most active issue, up 1/4 to 30%. The insurer said it thought the activity was linked to a new dividend-reinvest-

ment program.

Digital Equipment, which fell is to 37%, reported worse-than-expected fourth-quarter results and said it was cautious about the outlook for its first quarter. Borden also reported weaker results and halved its dividend, causing the stock to fall 1% to 15%.

Du Pont Co. fell 1% to 47%. The chemical company reported a sec-ond-quarter profit from operations of 79 cents a share, up from 72 cents in the prior year.

General Mills Inc. slumped 3½ to 59%. The stock was cut to a "moderate outperform" rating from "buy" at Goldman Sachs. (Bloomberg.

### RATES: Bundesbank Gives a Sign

#### Continued from Page 1

Sachs & Co. in Frankfurt. "But this would show it was giving priority to the ERM," he added, "above price

On Wednesday, the German central bank cut its securities repurchase rate, a 28-day lending rate that it uses to guide the money

### Foreign Exchange

markets, to 6.95 percent from 7.15 percent last week. The drop was beyond the expectations of most analysts who had seen a fall to 7 percent as the limit.

Jürgen Pfister, senior economist with Commerzbank, said the gap between this repo rate and the discount rate, which normally forms a floor for the money market, was now too narrow and could not be sustained over the weeks when the Bundesbank is in its summer re-

But he added, "Domestic economic factors do not speak in favor of a rate cut.

The discount rate is charged on a limited number of Bundesbank nust post government securities as collateral. There also was talk Wednesday that the Bundesbank might lower its Lombard rate, now

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centage points.

calmed fears in the markets, the Spanish and Portuguese currencies ended the day with losses. The mark rose to 81.05 pesetas from 80.80 Tuesday and to 101.00 escu-

dos from about 99.96.
The Belgian franc, which also was under pressure, edged up against the mark, benefiting from central bank intervention by Belgium. The mark fell to 20.70 francs

from 20.72. At the close in New York, the dollar declined to 1.7182 DM from 1.7270 on Tuesday, to 5.841 French

### at Goldman Sachs. (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, UPI, AP) unlimited amounts but also re-Allison Gibbs, an analyst with

quires collateral. MMS International in New York, said she expected the Bundesbank to announce a 0.25 to 0.50 percentage point cut in the discount rate

"More than half a point would be difficult to justify," she said.
"There's no fundamental reason to expect more," she added, although some investors are speculating the cut could be as much as 0.75 per-

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## U.S. Orders Surge, Led by Aircraft

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Orders received at U.S. factories for durable goods jumped at the fastest clip in six months during June, with airplanes moving fastest, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. The surprising 3.8 percent surge in orders, to a value of \$131.6 billion, The surprising 3.8 percent surge in orders, to a value of \$131.6 billion, reversed three straight monthly decreases in business, but analysts cautioned that it might be short-lived.

Two-thirds of the June rise came from higher aircraft and parts orders.

Two-thirds of the June rise came from higher aircraft and parts orders, which tend to come in large batches. In a negative sign, order backlogs which tend to come in large batches. In a negative sign, order backlogs weakened for the fourth month in a row, reaching their lowest level in more than four years.

### Kodak's Earnings Rose in 2d Period

ROCHESTER, New York (AP) - Eastman Kodak Co. said Wednes-ROCHESTER, New York (AP) — Eastman Kodak Co. said Wednesday that its carnings had risen 2.7 percent in the second quarter because of cost coutrols and an unexpectedly small sales decline.

The photographic products company earned \$371 million, or \$1.13 a the photographic products company earned \$371 million, or \$1.11 a share, in the 1992 second quarter. Sales fell 0.5 percent, to \$4.27 billion from \$4.29 billion.

Sales were down slightly in Kodak's film and information-products divisions and rose in the health and pharmaceuticals division and in its chemical business, which Kodak plans to spin off. But a surge in sales of film and other products late in the quarter helped boost earnings.

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### Digital Posts Profit, Sees Problems

BOSTON (AP) — Digital Equipment Corp. on Wednesday reported its first profitable quarter since 1991, posting net income of \$113.1 million, after months of layoffs and corporate reorganizing.

But the profit, equal to 85 cents a share, was at the low end of Wall Street expectations, and Digital executives warned that the company could have a hard time showing a profit in its next quarterly report.

The net income for the company's fourth quarter, ended July 3, contrasted with a loss of \$1.85 billion, or \$14.76 a share, in the like period last year. That loss inchaded a big one-time charge to cover the cost of last year. That loss inchaded a big one-time charge to cover the cost of 13.91 billion, from \$3.9 billion.

### Busch's Beer-Market Share Edges Up

ST. LOUIS (Combined Dispatches) — Anheuser-Busch Cos. said Wednesday its volume sales of beer to wholesalers in the second quarter accounted for 41.9 percent of total brewing-industry sales, as estimated from data provided by the Beer Institute.

It said this compared with a market share of 41.6 accounts for the 1007

It said this compared with a market share of 41.6 percent for the 1992

second quarter.

The beverage company said earnings rose less than 1 percent, to \$308.6 million, or \$1.11 a share, in the three months ended June 30. Sales were up 1.3 percent to \$3.43 billion.

(Reuters, AP)

#### **Bethlehem Steel's Deficit Shrinks**

BETHLEHEM, Pennsylvania (UPI) — Bethlehem Steel Corp., citing increased volume and cost-reduction efforts at two of its divisions, said Wednesday that its second-quarter deficit had narrowed by more than \$46 million.

The company also said it would again cenit a dividend on its common stock. It last paid a dividend, of 10 cents a share, in December 1991. The steelmaker reported a second-quarter loss of \$5.3 million, down from a \$51.7 million net loss in the same period a year earlier. Sales rose to \$1.11 billion, from \$1,01 billion.

#### For the Record

Tandem Computers line, reported a \$550 million quarterly loss and announced a restructuring that could involve up to 1,800 layoffs. (AP) Phillips Petroleum Co. said the U.S. Tax Court upheld its contention that more than half of the sales from an Alaskan natural-gas plant were exempt from federal income taxes.

### EC Warns Belgium on Debt

The commission, in a report, also warned that Belgium's past efforts to monetary union.

## **U.S. FUTURES**

gium's gross public debt had bulged to 140 percent of its annual economic output, raising doubts that the nation could meet tough criteria for EC

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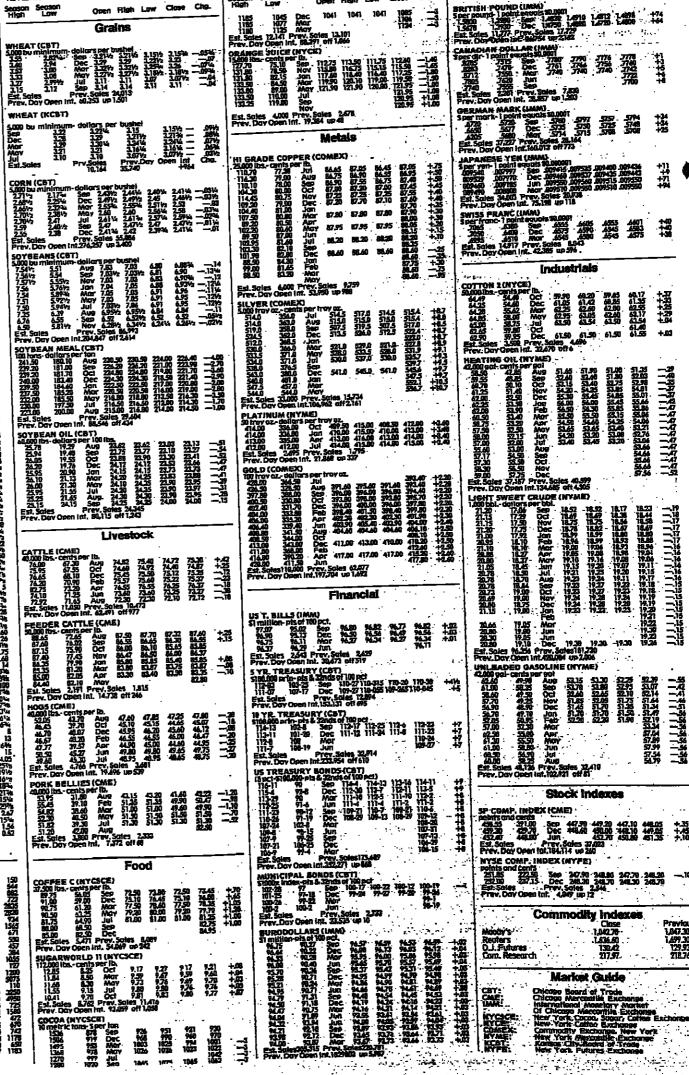
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oring its obuget deficit under control were insufficient, while the structure of public finances deteriorated in the process."

The commission warned that Belgium would have to curb spending on medical care, family welfare and pensions to meet the criteria for the medical care, family welfare and pensions to meet the criteria for the medical care, family seconomic and monetary union.

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### Paris Frees **Funds for Aid Plan**

PARIS - The government said Wednesday it would inject 70 bil-lion francs (\$11.91 billion) of surplus "Balladur bond" revenue into the economy to boost jobs and corporate cash flow.

The sale this month of the bonds that Prime Minister Edouard Balladur announced in May to help fund France's battle against unemployment raised 110 billion francs, almost three times the government's

initial target Private economists called the spending package announced Wednesday the next best thing to interest-rate cuts for an economy Crying out for relief.

The unemployment rate in France is 11.5 percent and still rising, and thousands of companies

are failing.

The budget minister, Nicolas Sarkozy, in giving details of the plan, said 35 billion francs would be used to improve the cash position of French companies by speeding reimbursement of their value-added-tax advances to the

In addition, 8 billion francs will be spent on modernizing school buildings. Mr. Sarkozy said this reflected government support for the construction trade and the importance of the safety of schoolchildren.

A further 7 billion francs is to be allocated for apprenticeships and training young people, the minister said, and 20 billion francs will be used to finance spending on employment and investment in 1994.

In another measure to combat the effects of the recession, Mr. Sarkozy said the government would spend 5 billion francs to increase the annual school allowance it pays to about 2.5 million low-

### U.S. Link for Lufthansa? Tie-Up With United Considered Likely

WASHINGTON - Lufthansa may be the next

European airline to announce an alliance with a U.S. carrier, many observers say.
"We think it's getting close," said Patrick Murphy, an assistant secretary for international policy

at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Alliances between U.S. airlines and European carriers have been cropping up all over. USAir and

British Airways have one, as do Northwest Airlines and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. Now Continental has joined the trend. The Houston-based carrier said it would begin coordi-

nating its flights with Air France, allowing passengers to travel more easily between Europe and inland points in the United States. Analysts said the most likely partner for Lufth-

ansa was United Airlines, which lacks a strong presence in Europe. "United might be the most logical choice," said Edmund Greenstet, aviation analyst and publisher of the Airline Monitor.

Lufthansa said talks had been held with several carriers, but no decision has been made yet. "We're definitely looking into joining with a U.S. partner," said Jim Freeman, a Lufthansa spokesman in New York. "United is definitely in the picture." Analysts said United's major rival for Lufthansa's attentions was American Airlines.

"I think there'll be a fight between American and United," said Paul Karos, an analyst with First Boston.

Either way, Lufthansa may find itself paired with one of the largest U.S. carriers. This would represent a departure from the big alliances announced so far, which have involved the second tier in the U.S. airline industry.

The weaker airlines were the first to seek the alliances because they knew they could not compete on international routes with the Big Three -United, American and Delta Air Lines.

Instead of investing millions to build interna-tional routes, the smaller carriers decided it was far cheaper to feed passengers into their systems by arranging alliances with foreign airlines. Now the Big Three are getting in on the act,

hoping to win passengers from the markets that are closed to them under the U.S. bilateral aviation agreements with other nations. Down the road, U.S. aviation officials expect

that the spate of alliances and cross-border invest-ments will help dissolve many of the restrictions on fares and capacity in these agreements. "The commercial relationships will eventually break down the old bilateral system," said Mr.

Murphy. "It's a growing trend, If an alliance is announced, Lufthansa and its U.S. partner are likely to seek code-sharing rights from their home governments. Code sharing allows carriers to list linked flights under the same code. This tends to increase traffic on the route, because the linked flight is listed on travel agency comput-

### U.S. Tobacco War Singes BAT

ers as direct service.

LONDON - BAT Industries PLC said Wednesday its first-half profit was held back by the price war among U.S. cigarette makers but its insurance results improved.

Overall, BAT's first-half net in-

come rose to £906 million (\$1.35 billion), from £672 million in the

million. But that included a £135 Capri cigarettes by about 40 cents a million payment from American Brands Inc. as part of a deal in which the companies exchanged

cigarette brands.
Without the one-time gain, firsthalf profit was virtually unchanged at £415 million.

Profitability in tobacco is likely 2.5 million low-similar 1992 period. For the second quarter, pretax profit rose 32.9 per-(AFP, Reuters) cent, to £550 million from £414 sion will cut the price of Kool and

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

pack, to approximately \$1.50.

In the second quarter, BAT said

"The current year is demonstrat-

its tobacco operating profit fell 7.9 percent, to £268 million.

strong position in financial services

as well as in tobacco," said the BAT

chairman, Sir Patrick Sheehy.

### U.K. Drug Firms Sign Deals With Warner-Lambert

New York Times Service

LONDON - Warner-Lambert Co. said Wednesday it would tie its nonprescription drug division to those of two large British companies, highlighting growth potential in the over-the-counter sector of

Warner-Lambert said it had reached separate agreements with Wellcome PLC and Glazo PLC to market nonprescription drugs, including those medications that are switched from prescription status.

The arrangements will help Warner-Lambert compete with two lareer rivals in the over-the-counter industry in the United States, Johnson & Johnson and American Home Products Corp. They also will provide consumer-marketing expertise and distribution networks to Wellcome and Glazo, which concentrate on sophisticated prescription drugs.

Drug companies have been paying attention to the nonprescription business in recent years. Their strategies reflect a belief that as governments look for ways to cut health costs, they will be quick to approve nonprescription drugs to reduce the need for doctors' visits and the costs

of dispensing medication. The deal between Warner-Lambert and Wellcome is the more comprehensive. The companies will set up a venture, Warner-Wellcome Consumer Health Products, to sell all their over-the-counter products.

In the case of Zovirax, a herpes medicine, the companies said Wellcome would keep most of the profits ing the strategic value of having a from over-the-counter sales, while other existing product earnings would be split roughly in half. In future transfers from prescription to over-the-counter status, the compa-

By Richard W. Stevenson ny that originated the drug would keep the majority of the profits.
Wellcome's products to be contributed include Actifed and Sudafed cold remedies and Neosporin skin medication, while Warner-Lambert's consumer-health line features Listerine mouthwash and Ben-

adryl antihistamine. The other deal, primarily between Warner-Lambert and Glazo, is built on the assumption that the ulcer drug Zantac, which had revenues last year of \$3.2 billion, has an equally bright future in over-thecounter form. It and other Glaxo drugs that shift to over-the-counter status would be sold through the Warner-Wellcome venture.

#### BT Profit Gain Misses Forecast

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - British Telecommunications PLC said Wednesday pretax profit was up 27 percent in its first quar-ter, reflecting increased international calls and line rentals, but the results were short of many analysts' expectations.

BT said it had earned £757 million (\$1.13 billion) in the quarter ended June 30, compared with £596 million a year earlier. Earnings per share climbed 41 percent, to 7.9 pence from 5.6 pence. But sales rose only 1.9 percent, to £3.34 billion.

Forecasts of its earnings had ranged as high as £780 million. (Bloomberg, AFP)

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#### Very briefly:

 Jacques de Larosière, president of the Bank of France, is said to be the frontrunner for the post of president of the European Bank for Reconstruc-tion and Development. EC sources said the EC had decided to back him over the other candidates, who include the EC finance commissioner. Henning Christophersen; Giuliano Amato, the former Italian prime minister, and Leszek Balcerowicz, the former Polish finance minister.

 Belgacom, Belgium's state-owned telecommunications concern, said it had chosen Pacific Telesis International of the United States as its partner in developing a mobile phone network.

Courtands PLC said it planned to form a joint venture with Allied Colloids Group PLC, another British chemicals company, to build a plant that will produce a new superabsorbant fiber.

 News International PLC has sold part of its stake in Pearson PLC, the British news and entertainment company, leaving it with a 5.1 percent stake in the company.

 Elf Aquitaine will fulfill an agreement with the privatization agency Treuhandanstalt and sell 10 percent of its Minol AG filling stations in former East Germany to small and medium-sized local companies.

Knight-Rudder, AP, Blanmberg, AFX, Reuter

### STEEL: Deadline Approaches for Major Decisions by Companies and EC Governments on Industry Cutbacks

Continued from Page 9

tons of capacity, or 16 percent of 1992 output, and lay off 12,000 workers. For its part, private industry is refusing to show its

hand until the last moment. Mr. Moffat set his marker Wednesday, saying Brit-ish Steel made the necessary cuts by shutting its integrated steel plant at Ravenscraig, Scotland, last year. There can be no doubt that companies in mainland Europe need to emulate the actions British

Steel have taken over the years," he said. There is little enthusiasm for cuts on the Continent, however. The Dutch steelmaker Hoogovens has indicated that to remain a viable producer, it needs to hang onto the two plants it has. Germany's Klöckner

& Co., with only one plant left, must either maintain production there or get out of the business.

The German Steel Federation claims that its members will bear a proportionately lighter share of pro-duction cuts today because of deeper cuts in past years. Even so, the German industry is projecting a loss of 30,000 jobs by the end of next year.

In one key step to ease the pain of restructuring, the commission is expected to allow private steelmakers to pool the cost of cutbacks. The plan, which is due for approval in September, will allow more efficient producers to effectively buy market share from industry losers, and it calls for 1 billion Ecus of EC loans. The commission insists that the loans will be repaid in full

over eight years and won't become the grist of another as Europe's most efficient producer. Mr. Hoey said the

The EC loans represent a small share of the estimated 4 billion Ecus it will cost the industry to shutter old plants. The bill for layoffs is expected to reach another 4 billion, with EC and national governments putting up just over 900 million Ecus, largely for worker-

The cost of cutting down hits industry when it can ill afford it. Brendan Hoey, an analyst at Morgan Stanley International in London, forecast that Germany's Thyssen AG will post a loss of 595 million DM this year, after a profit of 318 million DM in 1992.

The brightest hope is British Steel, widely regarded

British economic recovery should enable British Steel to eke out a profit of £30 million to £40 million (\$44.7 million to \$67.1 million) in the year ending in March 1994, reversing a loss of £149 million in the last financial year. Ms. Haas of Deutsche Bank, however. predicts a further loss for British Steel this year and only a break-even year after that.

Steelmakers did manage to raise prices by 10 percent in April and 5 percent in July, and there is talk of another 10 percent increase around the end of the year. But if it does not address its basic problem of overcapacity, the industry will be at risk of a renewed price war as soon as it approaches the break-even point, Ms. Haas said.

#### EC Won't Vet Small Mergers

BRUSSELS - Faced with stiff opposition from member states, the EC Commission decided Wednes-

day not to seek more powers to vet mergers between large companies. Instead, the commission has proposed keeping the current threshold of 5 billion European Currency Units (\$5.6 billion) used to determine whether transactions or link-

ups should be investigated as possi-

ble threats to competition.

The EC competition commis sioner, Karel van Miert, told reporters that although most businesses favored more Community scrutiny, too many of the member governments were opposed giving the commission more authority.

If the threshold were lowered to 2 billion Ecus, as once proposed, it would nearly double the commission's yearly case load, to 110 cases from the current average of 60, according to Community estimates:

### SUMMARY

Group Business. The Generali Group has further strengthened its position as leader in insurance on an international scale. Among its operations in 1992, the most important related to the Spanish market where, following the agreements with Banco Hispano-Americano, Generali assumed management of the holding in which each has an equal share and which controls six insurance communies with premiums amounting to some 200 billion pesetas. Generali furthermore acquired control of the Federation Ins. Co. of Canada in Montreal, of Atlas of Lima, and of an English holding company. It increased its majority stakes in the BMA of Kansas City - now up to 100% - and in the Unione Mediterranea di Sicurtà of Genoa. It set up holding companies, into which it put insurance shareholdings, in Belgium

1992

and Germany and it took over an Italian farming company. In the early months of 1993 Generali has taken control of Nacional in Ecuador, has participated in the establishment of a company in Rumania, Generala Asigurári, in which it has a majority stake, and has extended agreements with banking institutions for the distribution of insurance and financial products through banks' branches.

Initiatives are also under way towards the twin objectives of, on the one hand, optimising the Group's structure in some of its traditional territories such as Belgium and Germany (following Holland where such an operation has already been completed) and, on the other hand, expanding the Group's presence in Latin America, East Europe and

INVESTMENTS

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The slight but intended slackening in premium growth rates brought about by this policy was fully compensatmiums relationship in Italian business to be brought down by one and a half points. Altogether, however, global underwriting results deteriorated because of exceptional losses suffered in business abroad and determined in indirect business, by a series of natural calamities.

But brilliant results in financial activities as well as considerable profits realized on the alienation of securities, partly deriving from operations of an extraordinary nature, together with gains emerging from foreign currency conversions, enabled underwriting losses to be fully made good, so that the annual results closed with a profit slightly above that of the preced-

### 1992 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT

	Total	41,120,897	30,844,289
	Profit for the year	323,843	317,583
	Shareholders' surplus	4.649.708	4,408,569
	Minority shareholders' interest	1,249,772	961,370
	Other liabilities	2,722,627	2,178,720
	Reinsurance deposits	402.941	383,330
	Provisions for insurance liabilities	31,772,006	22,594,717
	LIABILITIES (000 ECU)*		
	Total	41,120,897	30,844,289
	and other assets	4,672,591	3.193,988
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ı	Bank deposits	2,111.959	1.438,800
1	Deposits with Ceding Companies	426.349	353.798
	Loans	2,147,552	1.685,861
	Shares and equity participations	5,022.561	3.940,848
- 1	Fixed-interest securities	21,192,458	15.661,764
ı	Building and farm property	5,547,427	4,569,230

ASSETS (000 ECU)\*

All ligures have been converted at the rate of exchange of £1 = ECU 1 252.

■ This statement consolidates 82 Insurance companies (including 8 Europ Assistance companies) operating in some 40 markets, 27 hold-

ing companies, 23 property companies and 3 farming companies. ■ The profit is 323.8m. ECG, slightly above that of the preceding year, but nevertheless notable in that it was achieved under unfa-

vourable economic conditions and despite writedowns in security

valuations. These were reflected in the account (ECU 1009.2nt. against ECU 118.4m. in 1991) and were exceptionally high due also to the extremely prudent criteria that were apnlied. Particularly satisfactory was the operating result, which improved by ECU 76.4m. to reach nearly ECU 225m.

■ Consolidated premiums amounted to ECU 12,628,4m. against ECU 9,013.7m. in 1991. This 40.1% rise was influenced also by the inclusion of new companies in the consolidation and by the effect of exchange rate variations. Premiums in Life insurance amounted to ECU 5.161.1m., in Non-Life to ECU 7,467m.

■ Claims paid amounted to ECU 6.369.9m.

 Provisions for insurance liabilities increased by ECU 4,473.8m. Production and administrative costs amounted to ECU 3,038.7m.

■ Investments rose to ECU 36,448.3m. (+31.8%), against which provisions for insurance liabilities amounted to ECU 31,772m.

The ratio of costs to premiums declined from 20% in 1991 to 27.1%.

■ Investment income totalled BCU 3,001.7m. (+41.2%). Overall shareholders' equity amounted to ECU 5.842.8m., of which 79.6% pertains to the Parent Company.

Parent Company Business. The Company gave priority to improving underwriting results, through an action to reform the portfolio and through adoption of an extremely prudent and selective policy in risk assumption, with particular attention to Italian busi-

ed by the positive results achieved in improving the claims ratio which, as regards direct Italian non-life business, was reduced by six points. At the same time the account benefited from the incl-

sive action to contain costs that had been under way for some time and in 1992 alone enabled the costs-pre-

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■ The profit of ECU 219.5m. is slightly up on that of the previous year, despite writedowns on security valuations reflected in the account to the extent of ECU 1965m. against ECU 39.9m. in 1991. The operational result resistered a marked improvement, passing from BCU 60.0m. to BCU 143.7m.

■ Premiums amounted to ECU 4,058,4m. (+21,9%); ECU 1,922.5m. were in Life insurance and ECU 3.035.9m. in Non-Life. ■ Claims paid totalled ECU 2,504.8m.

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Taxes on profits

■ Provisions for insurance liabilities increased by ECU 1,785.5m. ■ Production and administrative costs totalled ECU 1,116.5m. The inci-

overall) fell in direct Italian business from 25.5% in 1991 to 24%. minvestments rose to ECU 14,512.6m. against ECU 12,455m. in 1091 (+16,5%), Unrealized capital gains in the securities portfolio amounted to ECU 2,618.9m. Investment income totalled BCU 1,194.7m. against ECU 901.5m. in 1901 (+32.5%).

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■ Overall shareholders' equity amounted to BCU 3,627.2m. The surplus over the minimum solvency margin requirement is of ECC LERCim, for the Life sector and of ECU 1,425,3nr for Non-Life. ■ The dividend, before tax, is 350 lire per share.

■ Shareholders in the Company will furthermore benefit from the possibility of participating in the canital increase by its subsidiar.

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## China's Giant Economy Feels More Growing Pains

#### Beijing Warns of Rising Unemployment

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BELIING - China's unemployment rate will rise as efforts to cool the economy and implement market reforms take a toll on employers, a Labor Ministry official said Wednesday.

The number of urban unemployed at the end of June was 3.6 million, an increase of 9.1 percent from the same time last year, said the director of the ministry's employment department, Zhang Xiaojin, and the number of urban jobs was down by 1.1 million

But the official jobless rate remained low, at 2.3 percent, Mr. Zhang said. The figure does not include rural areas, where there are more than 100 million

The official said unemployment would increase because of a new policy to rein in credit and push market reforms aimed at ending subsidies to stateowned enterprises.

"We expect the number of enterprises being shut and stopping production to be relatively large," Mr. Zhang said, adding that the situation was already 'quite serious" in some sectors.

The flood of rural workers into cities was also a growing problem, he said, and measures were being drawn up to deal with it.

Mr. Zhang expressed confidence that the government could handle the expected rise in unemployment.

but he said it could not "treat the problem lightly." China's last wave of high unemployment was trigered by a three-year austerity program launched in late 1988. At its height, between 6 million and 7 million workers were idled.

The China Daily added in an article Wednesday that a crackdown ordered this month on speculative real-estate deals and loose credit would hit China's booming construction and manufacturing industries, hrowing many laborers out of work.

Separately, China's Ministry of Metallurgical Industry, which oversees gold production, has told its producers to raise their output and sell their assigned quotas to the state, the China Daily said.

Under Chinese law, gold producers must sell the government a portion of what they produce at a fixed price, which is much lower than market rates. Some companies are choosing instead to sell more of their production at market rates rather than to the governnent, the paper said.

The state hopes to curb that practice by buying gold at 54.56 yuan (\$9.55) a gram instead of the old price of 48 yuan. The world gold price is about \$12.60 a gram, the paper said. (AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

#### **Authorities Crack Down on Capital Flight**

BELIING — China has launched a tough auditing and customs bliz on illicit capital flight, the official People's Daily reported Wednesday, as the yuan came under further pressure on Chinese currency markets. Overseas investment projects will be subject to strict

asset evaluation, an approval process and customs checks, under new regulations issued by the National Administration of State Property, the Foreign Trade Ministry and Chinese customs, the paper said. The value of the year in the swap markets used by

businesses to fill their foreign-exchange needs slipped. Wednesday to 8.889 to the dollar in Beijing, from 8.8703 on Monday. Center officials declined to say rhether the central bank had intervened. Last month, China denied rumors it had ordered its

overseas enterprises to repatriate funds to prop up the yuan, which has slipped 3.5 percent in the past two weeks on the national foreign exchange swap market in Beijing despite central bank support.

China does not publish figures for capital flight, but Chinese investment in Hong Kong is so heavy that Hong Kong's stock market suffered a major fall June 17, when the rumor about repatriation of funds came out. Many analysts suggest capital flight is the major reason for the yuan's current slippage in value.

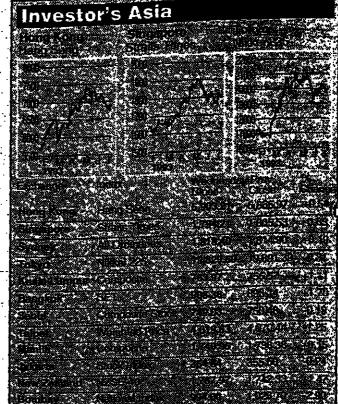
trol investment and cool the overheated economy prompted a 25 percent gain in the yuan's value early his month, almost wiping out the losses from June Wednesday's measures also more strictly regulate Chinese companies that have bought up small listed

Overseas investments, particularly in property, have been an attractive hedge against the yuan's devaluation.

Hong Kong companies, injected assets into them and then launched major share issues.

Overseas investments, particularly in property, have been an attractive hedge against the yuan's devalua-tion and inflation. They also provide a haven for funds from corrupt deals and a nest egg in the event of political unrest, analysts say.

There are three exchange rates in China: the official rate, which was 5.7468 to the dollar Wednesday, the swap-market rate and the black-market rate.



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### Stock Traders Watch Deng Health Question Vexes Hong Kong Market

HONG KONG - With speculation swirling around the Hong Kong stock market on the deteriorating health of China's senior leader, Deng Xiaoping, the ghoulish business of assessing the likely market impact of his passing has begun once more. Mr. Deng's "imminent" death has been the stuff

of market-moving rumors for the better part of a decade. But analysts are once again spinning post-Deng-era market scenarios. And a case is being made that the loss of the supreme leader, rather than spooking the market, could be bullish for stocks if China's political transition goes smoothly.

"Deng Xiaoping's death is going to be the last big buying opportunity in Hong Kong before 1997," when Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule, said David Whittall, investment analyst at Baring Securities in Hong Kong.

"If the army moves in, investors will be side-

lined. But if Jiang Zemin and the current leaders seem secure, people are going to buy," he said. Mr. Jiang is China's president and general secretary of the Communist Party.

Indeed, investors are more likely to react to Beijing's efforts to control the tortid growth of the Chinese economy. While the 88-year-old Mr. Deng's reputation is legendary, his actual political clout these days is uncertain.

Should Mr. Deng's passing come in the next couple of weeks, it will not catch many investors off guard. The leader's death has been so thoroughly anticipated that while it may drag down stocks in the short-term, it will not have much

"If it happened tomorrow, we'd be down about 600 points and maybe stay around 6,000 for two-weeks after that," said Barry Yates, director at Vickers Ballas brokerage. "But it wouldn't be a disaster, it would be a buying opportunity. People would buy at those levels." He was referring to the Hang Seng Index, which on Wednesday closed at 6,903.21, up 37.24 points.

One reason is that China's economy is growing at 14 percent this year, faster than any country in the world. Though the danger is real that it might overheat in the coming months, China is likely to

be a hot investment play for some time to come.

Should political developments in China take a sudden and nasty turn, investors in Hong Kong would certainly feel some pain. The Tiananmen Square crackdown in June of 1989, when troops me into Beijing and violently cleared protesters from the streets, sent the territory's bourse into a tailspin. The day after the crackdown, the Hang Seng plunged 22 percent.

Although brokers now hesitate to guess how much the Hang Seng would drop on news of Mr. Deng's death, they all agree that the consequences will be short-lived.

Much of the market reaction would turn on how the inevitable power struggles play out among the rival factions in Beijing.

"How the Hong Kong markets take the blow depends on how fast Beijing can react," said Richard Wong, investment manager at Wardley Invest-ment Services. "We're likely to see some sort of collective ruling body and if they seem in control, investors will relax."

#### **Doubts Over** Japan Rail Privatization

TOKYO - Brokers are getting. ready to sell the largest number of shares in a Japanese privatization, but some analysts warned that in-

vestors are likely to be cool to the East Japan Railway Co. offering. The offering of 2 million shares, or half the equity, of East Japan Railway, for an estimated 600 billion yen (\$5.63 billion), is the first part of the privatization of Japan National Railway. The system was split into seven railways in 1987, but a slumping stock market delayed the sale of shares in them to the public.

Some analysts warned that the 1.95 million-share sale of stock in Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. in 1987 was still fresh in investors' minds.

"Investors certainly learned their lesson with NIT," said Shigern Alcha, head of equity trading at UBS Securities. NTT shares were offered at 1.20 million year and jumped to a high of 3.18 million year.

in April that year, But many were burned when the stock slid to a low of 453,000 year last summer, before the government announced steps to prop up the market. The shares closed at 887,000 yen on Wednesday.

#### Very briefly:

• Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp. are holding talks with Tunter Group, a major Taiwan company, to construct a 149.3 billion Taiwan dollar (\$5.54 billion) petrochemical complex in Taiwan, a Tuntex spokesman said. • Fujitsu Ltd. plans to invest about 200 million to 300 million yen (\$1.9 million to \$2.8 million) to set up a software firm in either Chandigarh, in the Punjab in northern India, or in New Delhi by next year.

• The Asian Development Bank plans to resinue normal leading to Vietnam this year even if the U.S. trade embargo on Hanoi continues, a senior ADB official said. Separately, the Vietnam car manufacturer Mekong Corp. will open its second plant in Hanoi in August.

Nintendo Co., Japan's largest maker of home video games, plans to set

up its first overseas production plant in China next spring. • Hong Kong's trade deficit widened to 27.76 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$3.58 billion) for the first six months of the year, an increase of 4.8 percent from the first half of 1992.

• Bangkok Bank Lat. Thailand's largest commercial bank, reported an unaudited net profit of 3.27 billion baht (\$129.2 million) for the quarter ended June 30, an increase of 34 percent from a year earlier but a decline of 1.9 percent from the preceding quarter.

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#### Taiwan's Travel Bill Soars

first time in more than a decade, officials said Wednesday.

The overseas travel boom is

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Overseas travel by Taiwanese TAIPEI — Surging overseas has soured in recent years with travel spending may exceed Taigrowing affluence and the removal wan's trade surplus this year for the of restrictions on travel to China.

A senior central bank official es-- timated that overseas travel spendemerging as a major factor in up-setting the island's balance of pay-ments, which stumped to its first deficit for 12 years in 1992, and in surplus, but by the weak global pushing down the value of the Tai-economy, phusged 37 percent in the wan dollar, the officials said.

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### ICA: Earnings at 2 Companies to Show Results of Chemicals Restructuring

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yiew, "the classic tighten your belt,
on Tuesday put the recovery off hack back costs savagely, hold back capital spending divest nonstrate-gic businesses route. Demerger, allowing two increasingly divergent pickup in business is widely touted rope's biggest chemical makers

For ICI, the prospects are excel-"very different" and far less upbeat pean chemical industry arrives, but than the company had anticipated the question is when its arrival until 1995 at the earliest,

But even though the eventual

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Denys predicted: "I expect you will never see a great pickup in employment with ICI or with Zeneca. That prediction looks even bleaker when viewed against ICTs cats of 23,000 jobs in the course of

As anemic as ICTs first-half results may look, they are expected to he considerably better than those posted by many of the company's Commental competitors. Alastair Kilgour, an analyst with BNP Securities in London, anticipated that first-half profit for some of Eu-

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Even worse for a region increas-ingly concerned with joblessness, Sir crucial export markets. New plants

coming on stream in Asia now sup ply markets which were long dependable outlets for Europe's excess production. "The main topic of conversation in the European chemical industry is the competitiveness of Europe

Sir Denys. As he sees it the industry is in

opposite that of the United States and the Asia-Pacific region," said creasingly disadvantaged by envi ronmental costs not imposed or Far Eastern producers and by the necessity of huge social costs which neither Asian nor U.S. companie

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### Orioles Are True to Form In 6-5 Loss to Blue Jays

By Mark Maske

Washington Past Service TORONTO - The year doesn't seem to matter. The circumstances don't seem to matter. The score, really, doesn't seem to matter. Somehow, the Baltimore Orioles will find a way to lose in the Sky-

This time, the Toronto Blue Jays railied with three runs in the bottom of the eighth inning for a 6-5 triumph over the Orioles on Tuesday night that dropped them 21/2 games behind the leaders of the

American League East. The Orioles appeared to be on their way to what felt like an important victory when Cal Ripken hit a three-run home run over the

Just One Hit (a Long One)

Sabotages Royals' Pitcher

KANSAS CITY - It was a game that Kevin Appier will always

remember, but try to forget.

Rafael Palmeiro's 21st home run of the season, in the seventh

inning, ended Appier's no-hit bid Tuesday night and gave the Texas

Palmeiro's home run on a 1-0 pitch was the only hit Appier (11-5)

allowed in pitching his third complete game of the season. He had allowed only one walk and retired 16 straight before the drive into

"That's one of the best pitching performances I've seen all year, no, it was the best," Paimeiro said. "We really had our hands full. I was not trying to hit the hall out of the park; I was just trying to hit it

Appier, who had won six straight, was perfect until he walked Dan

Peltier on a 3-1 count with one out in the sixth. Peltier, however, was

Appier fanned two Rangers in each of the first three innings and

Rangers a 1-0 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

left field wall against closer Duane Ward with two outs in the top of cliffe, got Roberto Alomar to the eighth. That gave the Orioles a ground out to open the bottom of

No matter. They lost to the Blue

**AL ROUNDUP** 

the 12th time since the final series of the 1989 season, with nine of those excruciating defeats coming

"I think 1989 really got this rival-ry going," said the Blue Jays' man-ager, Cito Gaston. "For the last few years we've seemed to have their number in the late innings. But I

out an infield hit, Joe Carter sin-Jays in Toronto's final st-bat for gled off Mark Williamson, and John Olerud's opposite single off Jim Poole — capping a two-for-three evening that left his batting average at .403 -- loaded the bases. Closer Gregg Olson came on to

strike out Tony Fernandez, but Ed Sprague pulled a line-drive double into the left field corner to make it 5-all. Then Ripken made a diving stop of Pat Borders' bouncer up the middle, but the shortstop's throw from his knees was too late to get Borders as he dove head first into the bag at first and Olerud scored

"That was ugly," said Borders, whose lip was cut when his helmet flew off and hit him in the mouth. "If you watch the replays, you know I don't practice that slide very much."

Ward walked Harold Reynolds and Tim Hulett singled to give the Orioles runners at first and third with one out in the ninth, but Brady Anderson popped out and Mark McLemore struck out

■ In other games, The Associated Press reported:

Yankees 5, Tigers 2: Danny Tartabull's homer in New York's fourrun second gave Jim Abbott all the support he needed to win in Detroit for the first time in four years.

Brewers 3, Red Sox 2: Jaime Navarro gave up only five hits for eight-plus innings for his first vic-tory since June 16 and Robin Yount hit his 250th homer in the majors as Milwaukee beat the visit-



Shortstop Pat Listach and Billy Hatcher had a laugh as Hatcher was tagged out, but the Red Sox weren't smiling after a 3-2 defeat.

fey Jr. extended his home run streak to seven games -- one shy of the major-league record set by Dale Long and tied by Don Mattingly — with a long grand slam and Seattle

White Sox 7, Indians 4: Frank Thomas went 4-for-4 with two homers and five RBIs and Jack McDowell became the majors' first 16-game winner as Chicago, play-

four homers and nine RBIs in his last five games, hit a solo homer in the sixth and a three-run shot an inning later to rally the White Sox from a 4-2 deficit.

Angels 15, Athletics 8: Tim Salmon homered twice and drove in four

and four RBIs as California beat visiting Oakland to end its losing streak at 10 games.

The Angels also got a three-run homer and three runs from Eduardo Perez, the son of Tony Perez, who was making his major

### Kruk's Bat Too Much For Cards

John Kruk gave the Philadelphia
Phillies just what they needed.
He went 5-for-5 and drove in three runs as the Phillies, playing at home, began their key series against St. Louis by beating the Cardinals, 10-7, Tuesday night.

Dave Hollins added a two-run homer as the Phillies expanded their lead over the Cardinals to five games in the National League East. Each of Kruk's five hits was off a

different pitcher.
"We didn't pitch too good to-night," he said. "But we scored more rous so we win."

The Phillies also scored two tuns on a double error by right fielder

#### NL ROUNDUP

Mark Whiten and another on reliever Todd Burns' balk. Kruk said the Phillies weren't seeking to avenge the beating they took in losing three of four in St. Louis at the end of June.

"There is no change," he said.
"We still talk trash and listen to the same music. Oh, maybe some guys are a little more serious than nor-

St. Louis starter Joe Magrane lasted just one inning-plus, allowing five hits and five runs. The right-hander has given up 22 hits. five of them home runs, and 17 runs for a 21.86 earned-run average in seven imnings in his last three games. Tommy Greene started for the Phillies but had to leave after 2% innings when he strained a muscle

in his right groin.

Braves 10, Rockies 5: Fred McGriff hit two homers, one his first inside-the-park homer in the majors, and drove in four rons as Atlanta beat host Colorado.

The Braves got four runs in the ninth, when McGriff hit a two-run triple that just missed going over

John Smoltz pitched four-hit ball over eight innings as the Braves won for the seventh time in eight games since McGriff's arrival. Since then, McGriff has six homers in 35 at-bats, the Braves have scored 81 runs but, despite the streak, are still eight games behind San Francisco in the NL West.

Giants 3, Dodgers 2: John Bur-kett became the NL's first 15-game winner, holding visiting Los Angeles to three hits for eight innings.
The Giants reached the Dodgers' Austrian, said Wednesday.

Austrian, said two "international media parters" had approached the NFL with joint venture, startet, Kevin Gross, for three runs proposals. He said he hoped a concrete offer and eight hits in the first four insings, and twice left the bases load-

Padres 8, Cubs 9: Andy Benes

Meis 4, Marias 3: Jeff Kent's second homer of the game, leading off the bottom of the seventh, got New York past visiting Florida. Kent also hit a three-run shot in the fourth.

Lou Frazier singled in the tiebreaking run in a two-run eighth as Montreal won in Pittsburgh after blow

ing a 4-0 lead. Astros 6, Reds 5: Kevin Bass hit a three-run homer as Houston beat

#### ing at home, won its 13th in the last inished with a career-high I I strikeouts, at least one in every inning. held on after visiting Minnesota rallied from 7-0 and 8-3 deficits. Until the homer, the only thing close to a hit for Texas was Dean ing Boston Sox for a second Thomas, 11-for-18 (.611) with Palmer's line drive to third baseman Phil Hiatt with one out in the If It's a Scrimmage on TV, It Must Be Washington in July

By Tony Kornheiser

thrown out stealing on the next pitch.

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON -- I'm wondering what it's like in other cities when the local National Football League team scrimmages. Take New York, for example. Do you think traffic stops on the Upper East Side so folks can keep abreast of whether Brad Baxter made the right read on his cut-back block in the seven-on-seven drill? Do you think there's a backup on the Major Deegan Expressway because people are waiting to find out whether Myron Guyton can still cover the fade

eighth play in a 10-play series? Do you think

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there is full TV coverage in New York of a Jets or Giants scrimmage? Do you think anyone in New York even knows when the Jets or Giants scrimmage?

But here. Channel 7 would preempt the Gulf War to put on a Redskins scrimmage — and if Channel 7 didn't, Channel 5 gleefully would with three men in the booth, another on the sideline and 800 players and coaches miked; I'm shocked Shocked.

Newschannel 8, where I always turn to keep up with any late-breaking school board news in Chantilly, Virginia, has the rights to replay the scrimmages the next day. (That's where you separate the true geek from the total moron - watching the rebroadcast of a scrimmage.)
Where are we, the moon?

It's a scrimmage!

It's July. Desmond Howard hasn't broken a bone yet. Heck, it's so early Desmond hasn't even gotten onto the field yet - he's still recovering

from an off-season injury.

What could you glean from watching that scrimmage? Nothing about offense or defense. The only thing you could know for a fact was that Richie Petitbon did not spend the entire spring oushing away from the rib rack at either of the Petithon's Grill and Bar restaurants.

But folks are already talking about the two-back offense. You can hear them all around town, "Wow! Two backs."

"Can you believe it? We're using two backs."
Excuse me, it's not like Rod Dowhower just discovered penicillin. Two backs is not unknown in the NFL. It's not particularly radical. When they line up a llama at H-back, let me know.

Actually, I'm quite excited about the upcoming NFL season. I'm glad to see Bill Parcells coaching again. He told the New England Patriots he'd cut anyone who didn't run a mile-and-a-half in 12 minutes. I love that, because Parcells himself, who looked like a Dove Bar on the Giants' sideline, couldn't go a mile-and-a-half in 12 minutes with-

Parcells isn't the only tough guy. Rich (See No Evil, Hear No Evil, Speak No Evil) Kotte has told the Philadelphia Eagles that anybody who badmouths the team to the press will be fined. Of course, this violates the Constitution of the United States, but I guess none of the Founding Fathers had to work for Norman Braman.

John Elway had bad stuff to say about his former coach, Dan Reeves. He said "it was hell" the last few years in Denver with Reeves. Reeves reciprocated by saying, "Well, it wasn't Heaven." How bad was it? Was it Des Moines after the river

With free agency, players have moved all over the place. The one Washington lusted after, Reg-White, is in Green Bay. Apparently, it's a tradition at the Packers' training camp that kids line up with bicycles after practice for the honor of ferrying the players to the dorms. Players sit on the back of these bikes, and kids pedal. Sterling Sharpe, fine; he's light. But what if you get Reggie? I can't imagine that kid gets out of first gear. THIS IS THE FIRST year we really can't tell

the players without a scorecard. It's amazing

how many quarterbacks moved around. Joe Mon tana led it off, by going to Kansas City. Mark Vlasic, who couldn't beat out Dave Krieg at Kansas City, could hardly expect to beat out Montana, so he went to Tampa Bay, filling the roster spot vacated when comatose Vinny Testaverde fled Tampa Bay to rejoin his Miami Hurricanes team-mate Bernie Kosar at Cleveland, where the quasilifelike Mike Tomczak bailed out for Pittsburgh to back up Neil O'Donnell, who'd beaten out Bubby (It's Short for Bubbameister) Brister, who moved to Philadelphia, which had a vacancy because punk doofus fim McMahon had gone to Minnesota, where Rich Gannon and Sean (Make Mine Medium) Salisbury failed to make Dennis Green swoon, Still with me? Wade Wilson, who quarter-

Atlanta, left Atlanta for New Orleans, completing, in effect, a trade, as Bobby Hebert, who bore the brunt for playoff failures in New Orleans, opted to go to Atlanta. When Dan Reeves chose Phil Simms over Jeff Hostetler on the Giants, Hostetler tetler left for the Los Angeles Raiders, who haven't had a good quarterback in 10 years, mak-ing the abominable Jay Schroeder expendable. So Schroeder went to Cincinnati, replacing another ash blond, Boomer Esiason, who had gone home to New York and the Jets, forcing Ken O'Brien to leave for Green Bay to back up current whiz kid Brett Favre, who had decisively beaten out former whiz kid Don Majkowski, who's now in Indianap-olis because Jeff George, who hasn't liked any-thing since eighth grade, is whiny and recalcitrant

about showing up. Scott Secules, who wouldn't have gotten a snap in Miami as long as Dan Marino had a pulse, went to New England, where, presumably, he can run a mile-and-a-half in 12 minutes, And Steve Benerlein, who'd been a backup at the Raiders and Dallas, sold himself to Phoenix, where the hot rumor about the human tube of Ben-Gay, Timm-Rosenbach, is that he's retiring - to join the

Imagine that, the guy hasn't played two consec-utive downs in the NFL without an ambulance, and he's thinking of joining the rodeo. I hope he wears a safety cord when he attempts to ride the bucking broncos, because without it, he's in trac-tion. This guy needs an air bag to get out of bed in the morning. How come nobody televises his

#### NFL President Sees New WLAF in '94

The Associated Press

BARCELONA — The World League of Ausen can Football, which suspended play after losing about \$20 million in two seasons, could resume. play in the spring of 1994 with an all-European format if National Football League clubs give the green light next month, the NFL's president, Neil

would be made to NFL chili owners in September. He declined to name the partners.

Austrian said any restarted WLAF would proba-

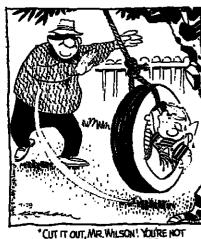
bly have six European-based teams, in Bancelona, pitched a five-hitter and Tony Düsseldorf, Frankfurt and London, and possibly Madrid, Amsterdam, Manchester and Liverpool. He said any new WLAF would be owned and operated by the NFL clubs, and speculated that asecond step in "three or four years" might see the WLAF adding teams in Hong Kong, Singapore,

South Korea and Japan.

The NFL-financed WLAF, which suspended play after the '92 season, had three European-based teams and seven in the United States. The U.S. teams were a failure, while the teams in Frankfurt, Barcelona and London were generally successful. "We made a lot of mistakes the last time," said

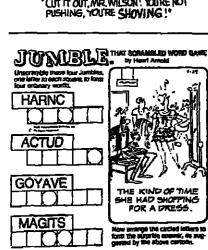
Austrian, in Barcelona for Sunday's American-Bowl game between the San Francisco 49ers and Pittsburgh Steelers. "It was, and as our interest that the World League will come back."

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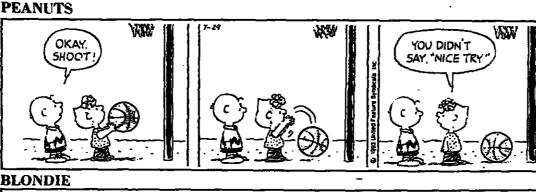
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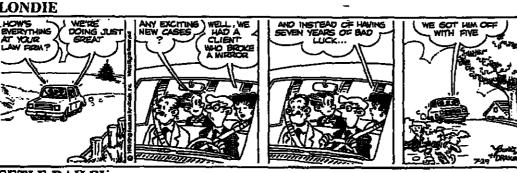


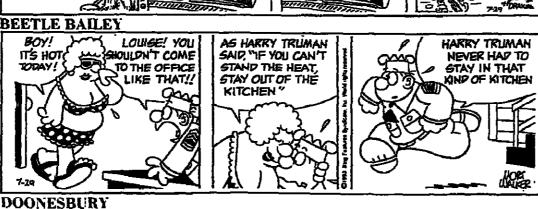
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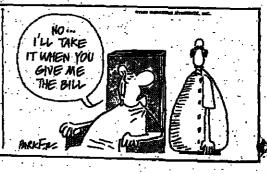






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## SPORTS BASKETBALL

### Celtics' Star Lewis Collapses Again and Dies While Shooting Baskets

### His Skill on the Courts Wasn't the Best of Lewis

By Ian Thomsen

DARIS — It helps to know something about Reggie Lewis. His ability I to shoot a basketball was just one facet of his talent. He was improving steadily when he collapsed on a court in suburban Boston. Audiences paid a lot of money for the chance to watch him play, but they didn't see the best of him. I'm always struck by the culogies received by athletes: He won this tournament, on this day he beat that person, in the final set he was trailing by a score of 5-2 but he came back to win and the family sits there, listening to these superficial public claims on **Vantage** 

someone they knew in a completely different way. Here is the truth, and you only understand it when the hero dies, and his family gathers without him. If all he ever did was score a few more points than the others, then his life didn't amount to much. Those other facets of Reggie Lewis' spirit, his heart, were revealed after

Point

his graduation from Dunbar High School in Baltimore. It's a famous school for basketball, and he sat on the bench. Three others from his high school team would go on to play in the National Basketball Association—they were Reggie Williams, David Wingate and Tyrone (Muggsy) Bogues—but no one guessed that Reggie Lewis would become the best of them. In those days, he probably was single-minded in wanting to become a great player. This is where you can underestimate

somebody, by holding them to their shallowest dreams. I got to know him, only a little bit, when he played for Northeastern University in Boston. Given the opportunity, he became instantly the best player on the team, and eventually the best player in the history of the school. So he matured in stages. The Boston Celtics drafted him in 1987, and for the first year he remained as he was in college — apparently shy, one-dimensional. It was easy to think of him as nothing more than a

player. It was easy to underestimate him. Then the Celtics decided to make better use of him. He averaged 18.5 points for them in his second year, and that was when it hit him. He was fed up with being just a player — listening to a coach, running the plays, making his shots more than half of the time. He was perceived as a valuable part in a machine. Basketball had taught him to be more than that. While others had doubted his abilities, he had remained stubbornly confident. He learned that he should be just as stubborn and confident in other ways. He never stopped behaving like the perfect team player, but the rest of his personality grew up like the garden surrounding a castle. He was an NBA All-Star by the age of 26. He had one year left.

THE NEW JERSEY Nets lost their guard, Drazen Petrovic, earlier this summer. He died in the pessenger seat of a car that crashed in Germany, and that was a tragic accident. As for the Celtics, they should have been fielding one of the best teams next season. Len Bias, drafted a year before Lewis, was going to be a superstar. His name is synonymous with the cocaine that killed him before he could play one game for the Celtics.

Reggie Lewis died Tuesday trying to take control of his life. Last season he complained of dizziness. Only after he collapsed during a game in April did the Celtics assemble a "Dream Team" of 11 physicians, who ultimately decided that he was the victim of an irregular heartbeat and should never play again. He found reason to question their allegiances.

They were discussing his treatment among themselves and team officials, and releasing details to the public, and in the meantime Lewis' wife was complaining that she was being excluded from the process. Were they treating him more like an employee, and less like a patient? He checked out of one Boston hospital late one night and rode by van -- not by ambulance, and that was a terrific risk — to a hospital across town where his wife used to work. There he received a confusing second opinion; that he had suffered from a neurological problem, treatable by medication, and that he could play basketball this season.

For a long period now, Lewis will be transformed into a culogy and an issue. The issue will involve the conflict of team physicians, employed by a club to administer to athletes. When the Celtics' team of physicians decided that Lewis should not play basketball, did he worry that they were only protecting themselves? Did he trust them to do right by him? As he shot around Tuesday, no decision had been made about his future with the

The eulogy will tell of the man he became. The Celtics were known as a team of white stars, but when Larry Bird retired he was replaced as captain by Lewis, a black. Lewis lived not in a suburban mansion, but in a mixed neighborhood in Boston. He worked with children, because he knew that most of them lacked his strength, to believe in themselves when others didn't. He was going to help them, by example and in person. In him they were going to see what they might become.

The easiest thing to say is that Reggie Lewis sacrificed his life for the love of a game. Then others will argue, angrily, that the game sacrificed him. His son, Reggie Jr., is 11 months old, and his widow is pregnant. As wonderful as he was at 27, he was going to be much better still in his 50s and his 60s. He was going to be much more than a player.



Reggie Lewis and his wife, Donna Harris-Lewis, in May after a second medical opinion gave him hope of returning to basketball.

#### Conflicting Medical Opinions Were Given on Heart Ailment

NEW YORK - Reggie Lewis. the Boston Celtics' star who collaosed with a heart ailment during a National Basketball Association playoff game in April, has died after collapsing while shooting baskets at the team's training center at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Paramedics found Lewis, 27, in "complete cardiac arrest," said Mary Anne McGinn, the emergency room physician at Waltham-Weston Hospital, where Lewis was brought shortly before 6 P.M. Tuesday. He

was pronounced dead at 7:30 P.M. Lewis, who was hospitalized for 11 days after he collapsed during the playoff game against the Charlotte Hornets on April 29, had since received conflicting medical advice about the nature and sevenity of the ailment that led to the collarse.

A team of 11 cardiologists initially told him that he suffered from a severe form of heart disease that would pose a danger to his life if he resumed his basketball career.

After he abruptly switched hospitals, from New England Baptist to Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston for a week of further tests. Dr. Gilbert Mudge announced that

As the Chinese government sees it, a suc-

cessful Olympics would be a sign that China

had fully joined the international communi-

ty. For a country that has long yearned for acceptance and respect from the world, the

Olympiad would be a graduation of the

same kind that Japan and South Korea com-

memorated with the 1964 Olympics in To-

Moreover, as a sports reporter for a major

Chinese newspaper said. "This bid isn't about a

sports event. This is a campaign, just like all the

other campaigns that the government launches.

The idea is to give people something to strive

Public opinion within China is difficult to

for, something to unite them behind."

kyo and the 1988 Games in Seoul.

to fire machine guns.

By Robert McG. Thomas Jr. Lewis suffered from a comparative ly benign neural condition, neurocardiogenic syncope, in which confusing signals regulate the speed of the heart beat. Mudge said the condition could be successfully treated with drugs, allowing Lewis to resume his career.

The conflicting opinions caused a running controversy in Boston, and Lewis, himself, was critical of the team physician for releasing a statement saying he had potentially life-threatening "cardiac abnormalnies."

Lewis sought even further medi-cal advice. He apparently felt confident enough to shoot baskets at Brandeis, where the Celtics have a practice facility, but had not participated in official team workouts. In an interview last May on the

Celtic-owned WEEl radio. Lewis said, "You're never 100 percent sure about anything especially lately. We're still discussing things. and we're going to make the deci-sion we are sure is right for me.

"I know this thing is never going to go away until I step on the bas-ketball floor. And even then, everyone is going to be watching to see if i collapse again.

According to the Brandeis sports information director, Jack Molloy, Lewis and a friend, who was not dentified, arrived at the practice court about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and were still shooting when Molloy left half an hear later

After his collapse, Lewis was given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, by emergency medical personneland taken to the hospital.

Amir Weiss, who was at the Brandeis gym, said Lewis wasn't doing anything too strenuous. When I looked over, Reggie was on? the floor. We went over to look athim and he was gasping for air "He said Lewis was limp and shaking and, after a few minutes. "he

stopped breathing. Everybody could tell that he wasn't." Weiss said. "His ches! was just stationary, completely station-

His wife, Donna Harris-Lewis. who is pregnant, arrived at the hospital shortly after Lewis and within hours a stream of friends and Celtics officials joined the vivil.

Until his collapse in April, Lewis, a native of Baltimore who played for the city's famous Dunbar High School and later starred for Northeastern University in Boston, had been a fixture on the Celties since the team made him its first-round choice in the 1987 draft.

taking him 22d over all. Playing both guard and forward or the Celties, the 6-foot, 3-inch (2-meter) Lewis emerged as from a high scorer and a team leader. He led the team in scoring, averaging 20.8 points a game last season, and was selected as its cuptain

■ 'Worst Fears' Realized

Mark Estes, in electrophysical gist involved in the diagnosis at New England Baptist Hospital. said the apex of Lewis's left ventricle appeared to have scar tissue. The Los Angeles Times reported. Such a condition could trigger an exercise-induced arrhythmia, or fast heartbeat.

Sources familiar with Tuesday's episode said Lewis was experiencing an irregular heartbeat known as ventricular fibrillation at the hospital.

"There has been considerable amount of concern in the medical community for the potential for a serious life-threatening arrhythmia and that our worse fears have been actualized here," Estes said Tues-

But "how a physician chooses to interpret and weigh each one of those tests is not an exact science by any means," Estes said.

The case has similarities to that of Hank Gathers, who collapsed during a Loyola Marymount game in March 1990 and died about 90 minutes later. Gathers had been taking medication to control a rapid heartbeat at the time.

"It's almost the same story all over again," said David Cannom, a cardiologist at the Good Samaratan Hospital of Los Angeles. "I think it is going to cause enormous shock waves through the sports community and, in turn, the people who take care of athletes."

## The Yin and Yang of China's Bid for the Olympics

NBC Record Bid Gets Atlanta Games

By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service

BELIING - A few years ago, China seemed to have about as much chance of becoming host to the Summer Olympic Games in 2000 as Deng Xiaoping had of winning the pole vault.

But the Chinese leadership has been remarkably successful in promoting Beijing's bid for the Olympics, with the International Olympic Committee set to choose a host city in less than two months.

The leading contender is still widely believed to be Sydney. But Beijing is campaigning strongly, with support expected in Asia and among developing countries, so it could well sprint ahead in the final lap.

Already the issue is leading to new tensions in U.S.-Chinese relations. Human rights groups in the United States have protested that to award Beijing the Olympics would be to reward the government for its repression. The U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution Monday, by a vote of 287-99, saying it "strongly opposes" allowing Beijing to play host to the Games.

China, in turn, is fuming at what it denounces as "gross interference in the international Olympic affairs."

He Zhenliang, president of the Chinese committee, complained to foreign reporters a few days ago that the United States had its own human rights problems. He cited the U.S. Embassy's refusal to give his niece a visa to travel to the United States to visit relatives. In its effort to improve its image abroad, the government has taken some contradicmeasures. On the one hand, it has released a number of political prisoners. On the other, it has harassed and arrested a dissident named Qin Yongmin because of his public opposition to Beijing's bid.

The president of the Chinese committee, who speaks excellent English and French. says China opposes linking sports and poli-tics, and that to do so would risk destroying the Olympic movement. Tuesday night the television news, in condemning the Honse resolution, suggested that the U.S. boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics was a mistake because the ultimate losers were the athletes.

But at the time of the Moscow Olympics, Chinese leaders went out of their way to emphasize a link between politics and sports. On Feb. 1, 1980, for example, the Foreign Ministry issued a statement that it was "obviously not suitable to stage the XXII Olympic Summer Games in Moscow under the circumstances of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan."

Three months later, China's Olympic Committee announced that it would join the Western boycott of the Moscow Olympics unless the Soviets promptly withdrew from Afghanistan. Since the Soviets did not withdraw, the Chinese athletes did not take part. Foreigners visiting Beijing are often a bit

Washington Past Service

big year of securing the rights to some of the

sporting world's most prestigious events with the announcement Tuesday night that it had

won the bidding to televise the 1996 Atlanta

The figure was well below the \$600 million

Atlanta Olympic organizing officials had hoped to get for U.S. television rights but \$55 million above the \$401 million NBC paid for

the Barcelona Games in 1992. Those Games

Olympics for a record \$456 million.

WASHINGTON - NBC continued its

overwhelmed by the fervor of the Olympic bid. Signs in English and Chinese are up all tournament in which foreigners were invited over the city heralding the bid, and virtually every taxi has been forced to post a "Beijing 2000" sticker on its rear window.

Beijing already has a large number of new gymnasiums and other athletic sites, many of which were built just a few years ago as the city prepared to be the site for the 1990 Asian Games. The Asian Games, which China treated as a practice run for its Olympic bid, proceeded smoothly but in such tight security that some visitors found the environment oppressive,

An official newspaper later disclosed that 650,000 people had been involved in security work in Beijing during the Asian Games.

Some of the recent publicity efforts to promote Beijing's Olympic bid seem a bit misguided. For example, although the authorities are encouraging foreigners to forget about the Tiananmen Square crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in 1989. Beijing promoted its Olympic bid with a shooting

in a disastrous pay-per-view experiment.

unique revenue-sharing deals this year to televise National Basketball Association

games through 1998 and major league base-ball games (with ABC) through 1999, also

agreed to share advertising sales above \$615

million with the IOC/ACOG on a 50-50 basis,

tive coin sales. It was estimated this would add \$6 million to \$8½ million of revenue.

and to help promote ticket and commemor

NBC, which already has announced

gauge. A government survey reported that 98.7 percent of Beijing residents support the Olympic bid, but it would be a foolish and masochistic citizen who would admit any other view to a government pollster, the real finding may be that 98.7 percent do not want to get in trouble. ... Given all the "Beijing 2000" posters around town, it is unclear how the authori-

ties will react if they are unsuccessful. Some Chinese believe that the government will diame the United States and groups, souring relations with Washington.
Others believe that the posters will quietly lost \$100 million for the network, much of it come down.

In the last few days, authorities have begun to prepare the public for the possibility of failure. They say that if Beijing is not chosen this time it will apply again.

"They're pretty good at switching gears very rapidly," a Western diplomat said. "Maybe they'll go out on Sept. 24 and paint out the last digit in all those 'Beijing 2000' posters and substitute a '4.'"

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SIDELINES

Jackson Just Misses World Mark, And Ferrari, in Sestriere Meet SESTRIERE, Italy (AP) - Colin Jackson of

Wales broke his European record in the 110meter hurdles Tuesday with a time of 12.97 seconds, just 0.05 off the world record that Roger Kingdom of the United States set in 1989, in the Sestriere international meet. But for the fifth year in a row, the \$140,000 Ferrari Testarossa — offered as a prize for anyone setting a world record at the meet -

went unclaimed. Jackson came closest. Javier Sotomayor of Cuba broke his world record in the high jump Tuesday night in Sala-manca, Spain, with a leap of 2.45 meters (8 feet, 0½ inches). His old mark of 2.44 meters had stood for four years.

Atherton Will Replace Gooch As England's Cricket Captain LONDON (AP) — Michael Atherton, 25, was chosen as the man to rescue England's

cricket fortunes Wednesday, as the Captaincy Selection Committee named him to succeed Graham Gooch as captain of the national team. Atherton was named to lead the team for the last two Tests this summer against Australia, and will be the likely choice for the winter tour of the West Indies.

• India will make a three-match tour early next year, New Zealand

For the Record

Frank Rijkaard has rejoined Ajax Amsterdam from AC Milan, sign-ing a two-year contract in a transfer deal worth \$720,000. (Reiders)

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### U.S. Soccer Team Likely to Play Mexico And England Again in Buildup to Cup

The Associated Press MISSION VIEJO, California -- The United

MISSION VIEW, Canforma — The United States will likely get a rematch with Mexico on Oct. 13 in Washington and a chance to make up for the 4-0 drubbing inflicted Sunday in the CONCACAF Gold Cup final, the U.S. Soccer Federation said Wednesday. The U.S. federation announced a tentative

15-game schedule through March 26, in preparation for the 1994 World Cup.
England may get another chance at the United States on Feb. 5 in either Orlando or Tampa, Florida. The United States embarrassed Eng-

land, 2-0, on June 9 in the U.S. Cup '93. Other opponents include Norway and Ukraine, two matches each, and single matches against Ghana, Latvia, Switzerland, Russia, Sweden, Iceland and two unannounced opponents. There is also a previously announced match with Germany in Palo Alto, California, on Dec. 18, the day before

the World Cup draw in Las Vegas. "We are in the process of finalizing these games with the various venues and local organizing committee," said the USSF's general manager, Bill Nuttall.

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and European champion Marseille, an appeals court in the northern city of Douai has rejected demands by lawyers for Jean-Pierre Bernes, the team's general manager, to transfer the case from nearby Valenciennes. The court disagreed that Bernès, held in the

psychiatric wing of a prison for two weeks in an unsuccessful effort to extract a confession, had been treated unfairly by investigators. The same court ordered him freed last week

after Bernès refused in a confrontation with the players who accuse him of making the bribe offer, to retract his categoric denials. Marseille police questioned the team's coach,

Marc Bourrier, about allegations that its owner, Bernard Tapie, tried to induce the former Va-lenciennes coach, Boro Primorac, to take the blame for the bribe.

Primorac has said Bourrier telephoned Tapie during a meeting where Tapie offered Primorac money and career opportunities to become the scapegoat. Tapie denies that the meeting or phone call took place.

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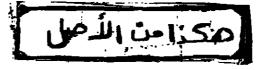
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#### ART BUCHWALD

### The Revolving Door

WASHINGTON — My nominee for the 1993 "Revolving It is called "having your cake and a Door Man of the Year" goes to Abraham Sofaer, Reagan's and Bush's legal brains in the State Department from 1980 to 1990 The reason I believe he deserves the award is this: Abe Sofaer was the person who wrote the administra-

tion's opinion justifying the U.S. bombing of Libya. It was considered a magnificent piece of legal

work. Then Sofaer left the government through Washington's

revolving door.
This door makes it possible for government servants, who barely made a living while they served their country, to abruptly go into private

#### Beijing Bans Film cided to how out. But he still gels After Premiere

Agence France Presse BEIJING — Hundreds of screaming fans mobbed director Chen Kaige at the Chinese premiere of "Farewell to My Concubine" for what the Cannes Film Festival winner said would be the film's only screening here.

Censors last week abruptly retracted permission for the film, joint winner of the Cannes festival's top prize, to run in the Chinese capital. They reluctantly bowed to pressure from the Beijing Exhibition Center cinema for the film's premiere to go ahead before a select audience of journalists and wealthy Chinese.

"This premiere will also be the last showing." Chen said at the screening. He declined to elaborate, saying: "I don't want to be involved in politics." Leslie Cheung, the Hong Kong actor and singer, who stars in the film, said he and the crew were "very disap-pointed" at the decision. "I feel very sad," he said. "It's ridiculous. We are film workers."

The film had already been curand a new ending added in order to satisfy the cense is a successful

large retainer, 100.

The reason I chose Sofaer for this distinction is that after giving Reagan the green light to bomb the hell out of Libya, he agreed to take on Gadhafi as a client. He was prepared to represent Libya in its lawsuits with the relatives of passengers on Pan Am flight 103 which was blown up over Locker-bie, Scotland, by Libyan terrorists.

Having killed 270 innocent people, Libya naturally deserved the best legal advice that money could

On the surface it seemed to be a good deal for everyone. Gadhafi would get a top lawyer and Sofaer could change horses in midstream. John Townsend, Sofaer's part-

ner, gave a typical lawyer's expla-nation for taking the case when he said, "It seemed to us to be an interesting professional challenge."

Unfortunately, there was so much heat from the press and his former colleagues that Sofaer demy award for wanting to take the case in the first place.

This is not the only occasion that a person has left the government to represent the scoundrels he had pursued. Revolving door lawyers are very much sought after when they go into private practice.

Many government officials can't

wait for the day when they walk through the door.

Frederico Banger is a lawyer in the Justice Department and he's preparing the World Trade Center bombing trial. Banger told me. "I've got a great case against Sheikh Rahman, but I can't wait until I get out of the government to launch his appeal."
"Is that ethical?" I asked him.

'lt's more than ethical. It's plain, old-fashioned survival. I've got two kids to put through school and I'm not going to do it on what Janet Reno pays me."
"You haven't talked to the

sheikh's people yet?" "No, I'm not allowed to, but someone keeps leaving honey cakes on my doorstep. Don't get me wrong I'm not doing this just for money This case is a very interestıng iegal challenge.

### Bayreuth Opens With Angst and Geometry

By John Rockwell New York Times Service

B AYREUTH, Germany — The opening of the Bay-reuth Wagner Festival is a great annual German occasion, equivalent to sports events elsewhere like the Super Bowl, the Henley Regatta in England, and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe horse race in France. It is an opportunity for national pride and corporate display, with the richest Germans flaunting their status through the number of guests for whom they can provide Bayreuth tickets. Since there are seven times more requests than tickets, a fistful represents considerable status.

As always, there were guests of honor at this year's opening, on Sunday, 270 of them. Aside from the usual Bavarian and other German political potentates, Mikhail and Raisa Gorbachev were on hand. Gorbachev used the occasion to appeal for Western help, to be funneled through his foundation, in supporting Russian culture, imperiled by the current political and economic crisis. He also managed to get his dark suit splattered with eggs, but the hurler of the eggs said later that he was aiming at Edmund Stoiber, the president of Bavaria.

This is a "Ring"-less summer in Bayreuth, meaning the interregnum every five years or so between "Ring des Nibelungen" productions. James Levine is to conduct a new "Ring" here in 1994). On the program this year are five individual Wagner operas, four in stagings seen before. But that hardly means a festival without interest or heightened expectations. The one new production of the summer, of "Tristan und Isolde," not only opened the festival, but also included elements meant to whet a Wagnerian's appetite.

If one were interested in stage direction and design, there was the production team. Heiner Müller, considered Germany's leading playwright by those who don't think Botho Strauss deserves the title, directed his first opera ever, indeed, only his second theater piece of any kind not by himself. Erich Wonder, the practiced Austrian set designer and longtime Müller collaborator, made his Bay-reuth debut. And the Paris-based Japanese conturier Yohji Yamamoto did the costumes.

On the musical side, both title characters were taken by singers who had never previously sung their roles: Siegfried Jerusalem. Bayreuth's reigning Siegfried, as Tristan and Waltraud Meier, the festival's premier Venus and Kundry, as Isolde. The other major parts were being taken either for the first time, or the first time at Bayreuth: Falk Struckmann as Kurwenal, Uta Priew as Brungañe, and John Tomlinson as King Mark, Daniel Barenboim was the veteran, having conducted a run of Bayreuth "Tristans" in the Jean-Pierre Ponnelle production starting in 1981.

Müller may consider himself a mere "dilettante" as a stage director ("My real profession is something else," he remarked at the postmortem news conference on Monday morning, referring to his writing), but he is one clever character. Although loath to lay out explicit interpretative explications for his staging, he has been full of piquant observations in both interviews and in the Berlin literary magazine Lettre International.

For him, the notion of Tristan and Isolde as so deeply in love that they can only find themselves in death is "nonsense, Romanticism in the worst sense," as he put it in a special festival magazine distributed free throughout Bayreuth. "A yearning for death is surely part of the piece," he conceded, "but that is nothing else than a yearning for another life. Nobody really yearns for death."



Siegfried Jerusalem, left, and Waltrand Meier in title roles of "Tristan und Isolde."

Having disposed of the central metaphor of the opera. Müller moved on. For him, the depiction of love onstage would be ludicrous; instead, he invented a scenario whereby Isolde, an almost godlike fertility figure, redeemed Tristan from his torment. "Isolde is the only character in the piece who doesn't love abstractly," he argued. Such hints of passion that there were came from her; throwing herself into Tristan's arms at the end of Act I, or timidly placing her hand on his at the central point in the score. the emphasis on the word "und" that links the two.

Otherwise, it was all alienation and abstraction. Particularly in the second act, normally a love scene in a garden but here an ordered field of some 300 breastplates. These were laid out in patterns that made for narrow aisles, which in turn created horizontal treelike shapes. Tristan and Isolde moved stiffly along these aisles, hardly ever touching.

"I proposed Yamamoto in the desire to obtain a coldness, a distance from this overheated material." Miller wrote in Lettre International. No wonder his essay was entitled "Angst and Geometry."

All of this outraged traditionalists; some booed fiercely at the conclusion and others questioned Müller in anguished tones at the Monday news conference and Tuesday's annual meeting of the Society of Friends of Bayreuth. The tones were anguished rather than outright hostile because of Müller's intellectual prestige; his response was a patient reiteration that this was simply the way he saw the piece.

To be fair, there were plenty of cheers, as well. And even those opposed to the production had to concede the

beauty of Wonder's set designs, reminiscent of Wieland Wagner's light-dappled Minimalism in its evocations. And no one could deny that Müller's ideas — however noving they became at times, and however unrealized they sometimes seemed in terms of the specific direction of individual singers — made one think. Müller kept stressing the difference between "success" and "impact." If his "Tristan" was not a success in everyone's eyes, it certainly had an impact

As for the long-awaited debuts of Meier and Jerusalem. the audience was ecstatic, so much so that Jerusalem excitedly hugged and kissed his partner several times during the curtain calls. Critical reaction was more guarded. A few reviewers loved Meier: Max Loppert in The Financial Times of London found her "metal-tipped, liquidly vibrant" voice "lambently affecting and elating to

More typical was the reaction of the Leipziger Volkszeitung: "Waltraud Meier is the most beautiful and erotic Isolde in postwar Bayreuth history. But also the best? That depends on how long her voice, driven upward from mezzo to soprano, will survive this act of force." Jerusalem was faulted for pitch problems in Act II, but

respectfully saluted for his cleanliness of line and nobility of utterance in the other acts. Barenboim, who had his share of boos as well, was generally praised for exciting tempo

extremes and lovely soft playing in those passages where, on stage, Müller was denying the tangibility of love. The Bayreuth Festival is to continue until Aug. 28, when the seventh and last performance in 1993 of this "Tristan" production will take place.

#### **PEOPLE**

#### Political Book-Making: Mom Has Inside Track

President Bill Clinton's mother. Virginia Kelley, has the inside track on tell-all Clinton-era books. The Washington Post reports that the First Mom has signed a contract with Simon & Schuster to pen her memoirs, due out next fall. James Morgan, a much-published Little Rock freelancer, will be the actual writer. Kelley plans to address her struggles as a single mother after her first husband was killed in an automobile accident; her abusive second husband; her fondness for betting on horses; her fight against breast cancer, and what it's like to be Bill's mom.

Tamper with the image of Miss America? The beauty pageant's chief executive Leonard Horn and broadcast producer Jeff Margolis plan to give contestants a new look come September. Margolis said he decided at last year's pageant that the contestants looked like 40-yearold Stepford wives. "I thought, what a shame," he said. "Here are these wonderfully attractive young women in hairstyles they would never wear and gowns no one thinks they should wear. You don't get to see these women as who they are." So, pageant officials will ban hairdressers and makeup artists from Convention Hall.

An author and record producer who claims to have proof that Elvis Presley is alive has filed a lawsuit in Dallas against Elvis Presley Enter-prises for saying that The King is dead. Retired Air Force Major Bill Smith, who wrote the book "Memphis Mystery: Elvis, the Man and the Myth," says he has had frequent phone conversations with Elvis and that Elvis Presley Enterprises violated his civil rights by holding a mo-nopoly on Eivis memorabilia and interfering with the successful mar-keting of his book.

The promoter of two planned Mi-chael Jackson concerts in Taiwan in September is taking out a \$5.2 million insurance policy in case Jackson backs out, after his cancellation of two Hong Kong concerts in August.

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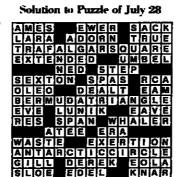
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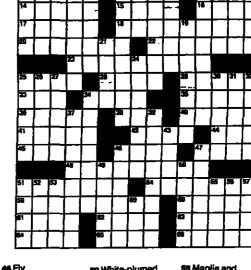
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